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Connecticut's diesel tax will increase by 9 cents per gallon on July 1. A trucker from Virginia, Esau Wilson, said at the Southington truck stop off Interstate 84 that he worries that he will no longer be able to break even with the payments he gets from the companies he works with after the diesel tax increase. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

Report: Deadly shooting justified

State inspector general clears Hartford cop in Ogman death

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

In a newly released report, the state inspector general found that the shooting death of 30-year-old Shamar Ogman by a Hartford police officer was justified. Ogman, a young father who suffered from mental illness, was shot by officer Ashley Martinez in a parking lot the day after Christmas in 2020 after police followed him through city streets urging him to drop the rifle he was wielding, records show. Connecticut Inspector General Robert J. Devlin Jr. wrote in his 40-page report of the incident released on Wednesday that the shooting was “objectively reasonable and justified.” “Officer Martinez used deadly force to defend other officers from what she

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US sending \$1B more to Ukraine

New arms package is largest supplied since start of war

By Lolita C. Baldor and Mike Corder
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. announced it will send an additional \$1 billion in military aid to Ukraine, as America and its allies provide longer-range weapons they say can make a difference in a fight where Ukrainian forces are outnumbered and outgunned by their Russian invaders. President Joe Biden and his top national security leaders said Wednesday that the U.S. is moving as fast as possible to get critical weapons to the fight, even as Ukrainian officials protest that they need more, and faster, in order to survive. The latest package, the U.S. said,

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Diesel dreariness

Connecticut tax commissioner details increase of 23% — 9 cents per gallon — on July 1

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — At a time of skyrocketing fuel prices, Connecticut's tax on diesel fuel will soon increase by 9 cents per gallon, representing a 23% hike that officials say will have a ripple effect on the economy. The new rate was announced Wednesday morning by the state tax commissioner and will take effect with the start of the new fiscal year on July 1. Legislators, fuel dealers, and consumers have been closely watching for the expected increase, which is made on an annual basis and is usually met with little fanfare. But the increase is important this year as it comes on top of the state's already 40-cents-per-gallon diesel tax. Fuel prices have been breaking records recently, and diesel fuel is used widely by trucks and sport utility vehicles



Esau Wilson, owner of Wilson Logistics of Virginia, fills his 200-gallon diesel tank Wednesday at the Southington truck stop off Interstate 84.

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such as the Chevrolet Suburban. The average price of diesel in Connecticut is currently \$6.17 per gallon, while unleaded gasoline is \$4.98 per gallon compared to the national average of \$5.01 per gallon. Besides having an impact on the economy, fuel prices are a major political issue for the upcoming November elections for governor, U.S. Senator, and other races in Connecticut. “This is yet another blow to affordability in Connecticut that will further raise inflation on goods, groceries, and services throughout our state,” state Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly and House Republican leader Vincent Candelora said in a joint statement. Despite ongoing pressure from Republicans for a special session to reduce taxes, Gov. Ned Lamont has repeatedly rejected the idea of cutting

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THE FUTURE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN HARTFORD

Shop opening could turn on city or state zoning control

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The future for Hartford's first recreational marijuana shop has turned more uncertain, as the Capital Region Development Authority asserted it has control over zoning in the Front Street neighborhood, and not the city. The city's planning and zoning commission's public hearing Tuesday on the proposal for an adult-use shop at 89 Arch St., across from the convention center, was continued to June 28 to sort out who has zoning

purview. CRDA strongly opposes the opening of an adult-use cannabis shop at 89 Arch St., across from the convention center, arguing it is not consistent with the family-focused entertainment throughout Front Street and the broader Adriaen's Landing district that it oversees. The plans for the cannabis shop have been endorsed by the city's department of development services. The plans meet zoning requirements, would boost tourism and foot traffic, and encourage entrepreneurial, innovative businesses, the

department says. If the partners in the shop do win zoning approval, they still must secure a license from the state. In a letter to the commission, Hartford City Council President Maly D. Rosado also urged caution, asking the commission to withhold any vote “until city leaders can develop a more robust plan on the sale of legal cannabis within Hartford.” At Tuesday's virtual hearing, the city's director of planning, Aimee Chambers acknowledged CRDA's

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A dispute has surfaced over whether the city of Hartford or the Capital Region Development Authority has control over zoning on a building on Arch Street proposed for an adult-use cannabis shop. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Farmington names new police chief

Farmington has selected Capt. Colin Ryan, a 23-year department veteran, as chief of police. He will replace Paul Melanson, who is leaving to lead Avon's department. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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reasonably believed to be the imminent use of deadly force against them,” Devlin wrote.

In the moments before his death, Ogman was hiding behind a green dumpster at the back of a parking lot not far from his home. His head was illuminated by officers’ flashlights, the rest of his body hidden, as multiple officers begged him to drop the rifle he had aimed at them, records show.

“Nobody needs to get hurt, put it down,” one officer shouted.

“We don’t want to shoot you but we’ll have to, we will if we have to,” yelled another.

“Just drop the gun, babe,” said officer Martinez. A few seconds later she spoke into her radio again.

“Shots fired,” she said.

In those moments in the dark, Ogman did not drop the gun but kept it fixed on police until Martinez, ducked behind a six-foot tall wooden fence that lined the lot, heard what she thought was the racking of the rifle. She fired one shot that struck Ogman on the side of his mouth, the bullet lodging in his skull, according to a report released by the inspector general’s office on Wednesday.

She and other officers

rushed to Ogman’s aid, pulling him out from behind the dumpster and immediately calling for help over their radios, as seen in videos included in the report.

He was rushed to Hartford Hospital where died from the single gunshot wound. A medical examiner determined that his cause of death was a gunshot wound to the neck and his death was ruled a homicide, officials said.

As officers pleaded with him to drop the tan rifle they later found on top of the dumpster beside a magazine, Ogman shouted back at them.

“Let’s go, I’m ready,” he said. Earlier, he’d told them repeatedly to “shoot,” records show.

Before leading police on a chase through his neighborhood, wielding a handgun and rifle as he ran through bushes and jumped over a fence, he told his girlfriend’s brother-in-law Antonio Greensword that he wanted to die, the report said.

Greensword, who was trying to calm him down, told police that Ogman said he would “rather them kill me than kill myself” – referring to the officers who were responding to the area near his home. That his daughters would be better off without him.

In a report released Wednesday, Devlin wrote

that Ogman’s death was an example of a psychological “phenomenon” often referred to as “suicide by cop.”

This type of incident unfolds, Devlin said, when a person behaves in a way that poses a risk of death or serious injury to others with the intent of forcing police to use deadly force. The inspector general’s office said recent data suggests that this behavior is used in about one-third of officer involved shootings.

The 40-page report says that in suicide-by-cop situations, officers often have the opportunity to talk a person down without jeopardizing police or public safety. This was not one of those times, his office determined.

In December 2020, Ogman was facing a return to prison, just a few years after he’d spent a decade behind bars. He’d been arrested twice in the weeks leading up to his death. He was recently fired from his job at a Trader Joe’s distribution center in Bloomfield and his relationship with Shannon Busby, the mother of his 14-month-old daughter who he lived with, was on the rocks. With the Christmas season triggering memories, he was grieving the loss of his 10-year-old daughter who had died a few years earlier of an asthma attack while he was in prison.

Busby told police that on

the night of Dec. 26 Ogman received a phone call that appeared to upset him. He was on house arrest at the time, wearing an ankle monitor and awaiting his next court date.

“The look on Shamar’s face and his demeanor was very concerning,” she told police.

Noticing he was stressed, Busby asked him to come upstairs to look at what his kids had gotten for Christmas. Then she asked her brother-in-law to check on him. He tried, she said, but Ogman “wasn’t able to snap out of it.”

Busby’s sister, who was visiting for the holidays, called 911 to report that Ogman was “acting very deranged,” according to police and official reports.

Ogman told Greensword about his recent arrests and fears of a return to prison as Greensword tried to take the weapons from him.

“Don’t do that big dog,” Ogman responded.

“Around five minutes later, the police started to show up [to the area of Gilman Street]. Shamar said things like, ‘It’s better if I’m not here. I’d rather them kill me than kill myself. I’m not going back to jail,’” the report said.

When Busby got on the phone with police, she had an inkling of what might happen.

“Please tell officers, ‘Do not kill my daughter’s father,’ ” she begged a 911 dispatcher in a recording included in the report.

As Busby listened from her home trying to figure out what was going on, Ogman led police on a chase that ended in the parking lot where officers hid behind nearby parked cars, trying to convince him to drop his weapons.

In her account of that night, Martinez said that Ogman yelled something along the lines of ‘Let’s go. I’m ready,’ ” as he aimed his rifle toward officers.

Martinez said she watched through the scope of her rifle and saw Ogman raise up his rifle, rack it and point it directly at Hartford Police Department officer Christopher Larson.

“Martinez believed that Ogman was going to shoot at officers and attempted to fire her rifle,” the report said. But her rifle was in safety mode, so it did not shoot. She ducked back behind the fence, put her rifle into fire mode, and looked back out. Ogman was still aiming the rifle at her fellow officers, the report said.

All of the Hartford Police Department officers involved in the incident were wearing body-worn cameras, the videos captured on those cameras and surveillance cameras

in the area were included in Devlin’s report.

Footage from Martinez’s body-worn camera shows her telling Ogman to put the gun down multiple times. Then she yells, “He’s pointing it” and fires.

Their investigation, said Devlin, found that Martinez believed that Ogman was going to kill or severely injure people.

Under Connecticut law, an officer’s use of deadly force is justified only if the incident meets four criteria: the officer honestly and sincerely believed that they or another party were facing deadly force; that the belief that they faced deadly force was reasonable given the circumstances; that they believed their use of deadly force was necessary to defend themselves or others; and that it was reasonable for them to believe that deadly force was necessary.

Devlin’s investigation found that Martinez used deadly force “to prevent Ogman from shooting other police officers.”

Devlin recommended in his report that the act of suicide by cop “deserves more study and training” and listed recommended readings on the topic in his report.

“As the studies make clear, the most effective weapon in some suicide by cop situations is communication,” he concluded.

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control over its properties in the area. But Chambers contended that it did not pertain to 89 Arch — the former Blind Pig Pizza Co. — or the neighboring Arch Street Tavern.

“This particular property and the property next door are privately-owned properties, so I think it’s an important distinction to make as we talk about the district,” Chambers said.

Chambers said a search of land records also showed no restrictions on the property.

But Anthony Lazzaro, CRDA’s general counsel, pushed back on that argument during the hearing. Lazzaro noted for instance that the state’s alcohol permit for the Arch Street Tavern was signed on the planning and zoning line by CRDA.

“Much like when the Blind Pig wanted to put the awning on the front, it didn’t go to the city of Hartford for zoning approval, they went to CRDA, and we approved the awning going on the front,” Lazzaro said. “And when they wanted economic assistance, we provided that patio to them, again, because it was certainly within the Adriaen’s Landing site.”

“We believe we have the jurisdiction on the zoning here,” Lazzaro said.

More than two decades ago, Adriaen’s Landing was created by the state lawmakers. That led to the development of the convention center, the Connecticut Science Center and Front Street, which includes restaurants, entertainment venues, apartments and a UConn regional campus.

CRDA and its predecessor, both quasi-public agencies, were given control to shape the development. CRDA says long-standing agreements prohibit such uses as check-cashing, pawn shops, firearms sellers, the sale of pornographic items, head shops — and cannabis sales.

At Tuesday’s hearing, two partners in the venture — Derrick C. Gibbs Jr. and Carl Terilla Jr. — said the shop would be high-end, meeting all the requirements for a state license.

This would include secu-



A proposed recreational marijuana shop is proposed at 89 Arch St., across from the Connecticut Convention Center. Below, Hartford's Front Street neighborhood includes an entertainment district, apartments and the Hartford regional campus of UConn. Front Street is part of the larger Adriaen's Landing area that includes the Connecticut Convention Center and the Connecticut Science Center. DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT



rity inside and outside the store, the checking of IDs to make sure patrons were 21 or older and that no items would be visible from the street. There would be no advertising in windows or neon, flashing cannabis leaf signs.

Gibbs said he expected the typical customer would spend between \$100 and \$150 a visit. He said sales would mostly be pre-orders and by appointment. All products would be pre-packaged with no odors and there would be no

consumption on the premises, which is prohibited by state regulations.

“There were questions about whether this was going to be a quote-unquote a hole in the wall shop,” Gibbs said. “I can assure that is not going to be the case.”

Gibbs said his Middletown-based company, Change Inc., which provides homeware and behavioral health services, has gross annual sales of \$10-15 million. The company is not part of the partnership for the cannabis shop.

“I don’t run establishments that are holes in the walls,” Gibbs said. “In fact, we have investors that have committed \$1.2 million into this project.”

The hearing was continued before much of the public got a chance to weigh in, but letters, mostly in opposition, were submitted by Chambers.

One Front Street restaurant, El Pollo Guapo, expressed support for the cannabis shop.

“As an emerging industry in Connecticut, initial participants in the cannabis industry have the unprecedented opportunity to set the standard for corporate responsibility and customer care and safe and compliant operations,” Roy Reidl, the restaurant’s co-owner, wrote.

Reidl wrote he was confident that the operators — with experience in cultivation and retail dispensary in the state’s medical marijuana business — would be a strong addition to Front Street.

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Fed goes big in fight against inflation

For consumers, pain deepens after largest rate hike in 28 years

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve intensified its fight against high inflation Wednesday, raising its key interest rate by three-quarters of a point — the largest bump since 1994 — and signaling more rate hikes ahead as it tries to cool off the U.S. economy without causing a recession.

The large rate hike came after data released Friday showed U.S. inflation rose last month to a four-decade high of 8.6% — a surprise jump that made financial markets uneasy about how the Fed would respond. The Fed's benchmark short-term rate, which affects many consumer and business loans, will now be pegged to a range of 1.5% to 1.75% — and Fed policymakers forecast a doubling of that range by year's end.

"We thought strong action was warranted at this meeting, and we delivered that," Fed Chair Jerome Powell said at a news conference in which he stressed the central bank's commitment to do what it takes to bring inflation back down to the Fed's target rate of 2%, even if that resulted in a slightly higher unemployment rate.

Powell said it was imperative to go bigger than the half-point increase the Fed had earlier signaled because inflation was running hotter than anticipated — causing particular hardship on low-income Americans and solidifying the public's view that high inflation won't be easily resolved.



A New York Stock Exchange trader takes in news Wednesday of the Federal Reserve's rate hike. TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY-AFP

Powell said that another three-quarter-point hike is possible at the Fed's next meeting in late July if inflation pressures remain high, although he said such increases would not be common. He said the economy is strong enough to endure higher rates without tipping into recession, a prospect that many economists are increasingly worried about.

Some financial analysts suggested Powell struck the right balance to reassure markets, which rallied Wednesday.

"He hit it hard that 'we want to get inflation down' but also hit hard that 'we want a soft landing,'" said

Robert Tipp, chief investment strategist at PGIM Fixed Income.

Still, the Fed's action was an acknowledgment that it's struggling to curb the pace and persistence of inflation, which is being fueled by a strong labor market, pandemic-related supply disruptions and soaring energy prices that have been aggravated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Some analysts said they welcomed the Fed's more aggressive posture.

"The more the Fed does now, the less they will have to later," said Thomas Garretson, senior portfolio strategist at RCB Wealth Management.

Matthew Luzzetti, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank, said Powell was right to acknowledge that the faster push on rates will cause pain for consumers.

"It's going to be a far bumpier ride to get inflation down than what they had anticipated previously," Luzzetti said.

Inflation has shot to the top of voter concerns in the months before Congress' midterm elections, souring the public's view of the economy, weakening President Joe Biden's approval ratings and raising the likelihood of Democratic losses in November.

Biden has sought to show he recognizes the pain that

inflation is causing households but has struggled to find policy actions that might make a real difference. Biden has stressed his belief that the power to curb inflation rests mainly with the Fed.

Yet the Fed's rate hikes are blunt tools for trying to lower inflation while also sustaining growth. Shortages of oil, gasoline and food are contributing to higher prices. Powell said several times during the news conference that such factors are out of the Fed's control and may force it to push rates even higher to ultimately bring down inflation.

Borrowing costs have

already risen sharply across much of the U.S. economy in response to the Fed's moves, with the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate topping 5%, its highest level since before the 2008 financial crisis, up from just 3% at the start of the year.

Even if a recession can be avoided, economists say it's almost inevitable that the Fed will have to inflict some pain — most likely in the form of higher unemployment — as the price of defeating chronically high inflation.

Powell struck a defensive note when asked whether the Fed was now prepared to accept a recession as the price of curbing inflation and bringing it close to the Fed's 2% target level.

"We're not trying to induce a recession now," he said. "Let's be clear about that. We're trying to achieve 2% inflation."

In their updated forecasts Wednesday, the Fed's policymakers indicated that after this year's rate increases, they foresee two more rate hikes by the end of 2023, at which point they expect inflation to finally fall below 3%, close to their target level. But they expect inflation to still be 5.2% at the end of this year, much higher than they'd estimated in March.

Over the next two years, the officials are forecasting a much weaker economy than was envisioned in March. They expect the unemployment rate to reach 3.7% by year's end and 3.9% by the end of 2023. Those are slight increases from the current 3.6% jobless rate. But they mark the first time since it began raising rates that the Fed has acknowledged that its actions will weaken the economy.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia reports NATO weapons destroyed

State Dept. monitors reports of at least 2 Americans captured

By John Leicester
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Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — The Russian military said it used long-range missiles Wednesday to destroy a depot in the western Lviv region of Ukraine where ammunition for NATO-supplied weapons was stored, and the governor of a key eastern city acknowledged that Russian forces are advancing in heavy fighting.

The battle for Sievierodonetsk in Ukraine's eastern Donbas area has become the focus of Russia's offensive in recent weeks.

Russia-backed separatists accused Ukrainian forces of sabotaging an evacuation of civilians from the city's besieged Azot chemical plant, where about 500 civilians and an unknown number of Ukrainian fighters are believed to be sheltering from missile attacks. It wasn't possible to verify that claim.

Russian officials had announced a humanitarian corridor from the Azot plant a day earlier, but said they would take civilians to areas controlled by Russian, not Ukrainian, forces.

The Ukrainian governor of Luhansk, Serhiy Haidai, said



Men work on rebuilding a destroyed home Wednesday in Makariv, Ukraine, west of Kyiv. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/GETTY-AFP

"heavy fighting in Sievierodonetsk continues today as well."

The situation in the city is getting worse, Haidai said, because Russian forces have more manpower and weapons. "But our military is holding back the enemy from three sides at once," he added.

In the Lviv region near the border with NATO member Poland, Russian forces used high-precision Kalibr missiles to destroy the depot near the town of Zolochiv, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said. Konashenkov said

shells for M777 howitzers, a type supplied by the United States, were stored there.

He said four howitzers were destroyed elsewhere and that Russian airstrikes also destroyed Ukrainian "aviation equipment" at a military aerodrome in the southern Mykolaiv region.

Ukrainian officials did not immediately comment on the Zolochiv strike.

President Joe Biden said Wednesday that the U.S. will send an additional \$1 billion in military aid, the largest single tranche of weapons and equipment since the war began. Germany is providing

Ukraine with three multiple launch rocket systems that Kyiv has said it urgently needs to defend itself.

Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht said Wednesday that Germany will transfer three M270 medium-range artillery rocket systems along with ammunition.

While focusing most of their attacks on eastern Ukraine, where they are trying to capture large swaths of territory, Russian forces have also been hitting more specific targets elsewhere, using high-precision missiles to disrupt the international supply of weapons

and destroy military infrastructure. Civilian infrastructure has been bombarded as well, even though Russian officials have claimed they're only targeting military facilities.

Meanwhile, Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy chair of Russia's Security Council, ominously suggested that Russia appears intent on not just claiming territory but eliminating Ukraine as a nation. In a Telegram post, he wrote that he saw Ukraine wants to receive liquefied natural gas from its "overseas masters" with payment due in two years.

He added: "But there's a question. Who said that in two years, Ukraine will even exist on the map?"

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Zelenskyy, responded on Twitter: "Ukraine has been and will be. Where will Medvedev be in two years?"

In other developments Wednesday:

■ The U.S. State Department said it is looking into reports that Russian or Russian-backed separatist forces in Ukraine have captured at least two American citizens.

"We are closely monitoring the situation and are in contact with Ukrainian authorities," the department said in a statement Wednesday. It declined further comment.

If confirmed, they would

be the first Americans fighting for Ukraine known to have been captured since Russia invaded on Feb. 24. A court in Donetsk, under separatist control, last week sentenced two Britons and a Moroccan man to death for fighting for Ukraine.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., tweeted that the Americans "have enlisted in the Ukrainian army, and thus are afforded legal combatant protections" given prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention.

It was unclear whether Kinzinger had any further information about the men.

Neither Ukrainian nor Russian authorities commented about the reports of the captured Americans.

■ A U.N. delegation investigating war crimes in Ukraine has visited areas of the country that were held by Russian troops and found evidence that could support war crimes allegations.

The delegation chaired by Erik Mose, a Norwegian judge, visited sites including the Kyiv suburbs of Bucha and Irpin, where Ukrainian authorities have accused Russia of mass killings of civilians.

"At this stage we are not in a position to make any factual findings or pronounce ourselves on issues of the legal determination of events," Mose said.



Attorney General Merrick Garland visits the Tops Friendly Market on Wednesday in Buffalo, N.Y. CAROLYN THOMPSON/AP

Hate crimes among Buffalo suspect's charges

By Jesse McKinley
and Glenn Thrush
The New York Times

A month after a massacre at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, left 10 Black residents dead, federal prosecutors charged the accused gunman with 26 counts of hate crimes and weapons violations Wednesday.

Some of the charges could carry the death penalty, though there is currently a moratorium on federal executions.

The criminal complaint — which contained new details about the suspect's racist hatred and his commitment to planning an attack that would kill as many Black people as possible — came as Attorney General Merrick Garland traveled to Buffalo on Wednesday to visit the site of the massacre.

In a news conference Wednesday, Garland did not rule out seeking the death penalty.

"The Justice Department has a series of procedures

it follows," he said, adding: "The families and the survivors would be consulted."

The suspect, Payton Gendron, 18, is an avowed white supremacist who wore camouflage and body armor and carried a semi-automatic rifle while livestreaming the attack. In the days before, he also posted a lengthy rant outlining his belief in so-called replacement theory, a white supremacist ideology that posits a scheme to "replace" white people with people of color.

All told, 13 people were shot at Tops Friendly Market May 14; three survived.

After visiting with victims' families, Garland said in the news conference that "hate brings immediate devastation, and it inflicts lasting fear."

Garland suggested the suspect believed in "the vile theory that only people like him belong in this country," and noted that the suspect apologized to a white employee he had shot, before continuing to shoot others.

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NEWS BRIEFING

FDA vaccine advisers move COVID-19 shots closer for kids under 5

From news services

COVID-19 shots for U.S. infants, toddlers and preschoolers moved a step closer Wednesday.

The Food and Drug Administration's vaccine advisers gave a thumbs-up to vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer for the youngest kids.

The outside experts voted unanimously that the benefits of the shots outweigh any risks for children under 5 — that's roughly 18 million youngsters. They are the last age group in the U.S. without access to COVID-19 vaccines and many parents have been anxious to protect their little children.

If all the regulatory steps are cleared, shots should be available next week.

"This is a long-awaited vaccine," said one panel member, Dr. Jay Portnoy of Children's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. "There are so many parents who are absolutely desperate to get this vaccine and I think we owe it to them to give them a choice to have the vaccine if they want to."

Dr. Peter Marks, FDA's vaccine chief, opened the meeting with data showing a "quite troubling surge" in young children's hospitalizations during the omicron wave, and noted 442 children under 4 have died during the pandemic. That's far fewer than adult deaths, but should not be dismissed in considering the need for vaccinating the youngest kids, he said.

FDA reviewers said both brands appear to be safe and effective for children as young as 6 months old in analyses posted ahead of the all-day meeting. Side effects, including fever and fatigue, were generally minor in both, and less common than seen in adults.

The two vaccines use the

same technology but there are differences. In a call with reporters earlier this week, vaccine experts noted that the shots haven't been tested against each other, so there's no way to tell parents if one is superior.

If the FDA agrees with its advisers and authorizes the shots, there's one more step. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will decide on a formal recommendation after its own advisers meet Saturday. If the CDC signs off, shots could be available as soon as Monday or Tuesday at doctor's offices, hospitals and pharmacies.

Fauci tests positive: Dr. Anthony Fauci, the face of America's pandemic response through two White House administrations, has tested positive for the coronavirus.

Fauci, who is fully vaccinated and has received two booster shots, was experiencing mild COVID-19 symptoms, according to a statement Wednesday from the National Institutes of Health.

Fauci, 81, has not recently been in close contact with President Joe Biden or other senior government officials. He tested positive on a rapid antigen test. He is following public health guidelines and his doctor's advice, and will return to work at the NIH when he tests negative, according to the statement.

US abortions rise: The number and rate of U.S. abortions increased from 2017 to 2020 after a long decline, according to figures released Wednesday.

The report from the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights, counted more than 930,000 abortions in the U.S. in 2020. That's up from



Congo-Rwanda tensions: Police stop demonstrators Wednesday in Goma, Congo, as they try to reach the border with Rwanda. Congo's military accused Rwanda of "no less than an invasion" after the M23 rebel movement seized Bunagana, a key town near Rwanda and Uganda on Monday. Protesters in Goma called on the international community to intervene. **MOSES SAWASAWA/AP**

about 862,000 abortions in 2017, when national abortion figures reached their lowest point since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized the procedure nationwide.

About 1 in 5 pregnancies ended in abortion in 2020, according to the report, which comes as the Supreme Court appears ready to overturn that decision.

Medication abortions, the two-drug combination sometimes called the "abortion pill," accounted for 54% of U.S. abortions in 2020, the first time they made up more than half of abortions, Guttmacher said.

Hinckley oversight ends: John Hinckley Jr., who shot and wounded President Ronald Reagan in 1981, was freed from court oversight Wednesday, officially concluding decades of supervision by legal and mental health professionals.

The lifting of all restrictions had been expected since late September. U.S. District Court Judge

Paul Friedman in Washington had said he would free Hinckley on June 15 if he continued to remain mentally stable in the community in Virginia where he has lived since 2016.

Hinckley, who was acquitted by reason of insanity, spent the decades before that in a Washington mental hospital.

Freedom for Hinckley, 67, will include giving a concert — he plays guitar and sings — in the Brooklyn borough of New York City, which is scheduled for July. He has gained nearly 30,000 followers on Twitter and YouTube in recent months as the judge loosened Hinckley's restrictions before fully lifting all of them.

Gaza aid worker convicted: An Israeli court Wednesday found a Gaza aid worker guilty of several terrorism charges in a high-profile case in which his employer, independent auditors and the Australian government say they have found no evidence of wrongdoing.

Mohammed el-Halabi, the Gaza director for the international Christian charity World Vision, was arrested in 2016 and accused of diverting tens of millions of dollars to the Islamic militant group Hamas that rules the territory. The trial and his prolonged detention have further strained relations between Israel and humanitarian organizations that provide aid to Palestinians.

El-Halabi's lawyer, Maher Hanna, has said his client turned down several plea bargain offers on principle that would have allowed him to walk free.

El-Halabi has not yet been sentenced. World Vision said he would appeal the ruling, which was largely based on classified information that has not been made public but was shared with the defense.

Rice loses SC seat: U.S. Rep. Tom Rice of South Carolina has been ousted from Congress in his Republican primary after voting to impeach Donald Trump

over the Jan. 6 insurrection. He is the first of the 10 House Republicans who voted to impeach Trump to lose a reelection bid.

Rice, a five-term congressman, was defeated Tuesday by state Rep. Russell Fry, who was endorsed by Trump.

Rice was a strong supporter of Trump's policies in Washington but said he was left no choice but to impeach Trump over his failure to calm the mob that violently sought to stop the certification of Joe Biden's victory.

U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace of South Carolina also angered Trump, but she sought to make amends and won her GOP primary over her own Trump-backed challenger.

Trump had vowed revenge against the 10 House Republicans who crossed party lines to impeach him. Four of the 10 decided against seeking reelection. A fifth, Rep. David Valadao of California, is still waiting to hear the results of his primary election from last week.



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Abortion foes anticipate a big win

Movement eagerly awaits high court's Roe v. Wade ruling

By Matt Sedensky
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — For tens of millions of Americans who see abortion as wrong, it's gone this way for a half-century: One woman swayed to reconsider as dozens of others follow through. One clinic's doors closed only to see desperate patients go elsewhere. One law passed, another overturned.

A movement built of tiny steps and endless setbacks, though, now seems poised for a massive leap, with the Supreme Court weighing undoing the constitutional right to abortion found in Roe v. Wade.

"Folks are more hopeful now than we have ever been," says Mark Baumgartner, the founder of A Moment of Hope, an anti-abortion organization whose workers and volunteers stand outside the Planned Parenthood clinic here every minute it's open. They try to engage women in conversation, talk them out of an abortion if they're considering one, and offer support if they decide to go through with their pregnancy.

A majority of Americans supports abortion rights, and one of the clinic's rainbow-vested workers, Allison Terracio, believes the anti-abortion group's sidewalk coterie uses trickery, empty promises and manipulation in the guise of kindness to sway women from something they've already carefully thought through.

She says those due in to take an abortion pill or undergo a brief surgery have already thought through what they wanted and nothing Baumgartner and his crew can offer will change the circumstances of the prospective mother's life.

Under South Carolina



Allison Terracio, left, a Planned Parenthood advocacy programs manager, stands while Valerie Berry, program manager for the anti-abortion group A Moment of Hope, holds up a sign May 27 in Columbia, South Carolina. DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

law, a woman arriving for an abortion would have already undergone a waiting period and advised to read a lengthy document detailing fetal development, from when a heartbeat is detected to when fingernails grow to when the unborn can hiccup for the first time.

Terracio, a 45-year-old who also serves as a county councilwoman, says nothing Baumgartner and his crew can offer will change the circumstances of the prospective mother's life.

"I'm not in the business of convincing anybody of anything," Terracio says.

On this day, the first of A Moment of Hope's crew arrives before sunrise and, for hours, they haven't had much luck changing minds.

But now, a patient pushes out of the center's doors and heads straight into the arms of an anti-abortion counselor who, a short while

earlier, asked her not to do what she came here for.

The patient walks away with the counselor, and every eye on the block seems to follow.

The circle of praying Catholics, the smattering of evangelicals at every clinic driveway, even the lone protester here, Steven Lefemine, all seem riveted by the apparent change of heart.

"This is a glorious thing that's happening here!" Lefemine, 66, exclaims.

Inside the buildings where abortions are offered, workers say women who pass a throng of protesters will say: "They don't know my life. They don't know what I'm going through."

Outside, the sidewalk counselors say the arriving women often tell them: "Thank you for stopping me. I was hoping I would see some sort of sign not to

go through with this."

Inside, this is seen as a fundamental woman's right, a type of healthcare that deserves no stigma attached. Outside, those who oppose abortion see it as pure evil that must be stopped.

Both sides see the truth as plain.

For so many who have been drawn to the anti-abortion cause, it's baffling and frustrating how often their appeals feel unheard. It's not 1973 anymore: They wonder how anyone could deny the scientific leaps, the advances in fetal viability, the way a heartbeat from inside the uterus can be heard and an image seen. To those with whom they disagree, they ask: Where is the line? When they hear talk of a fetus, an embryo, a clump of cells, they wonder, at what point will someone acknowledge it's a baby?

Talk to someone who's

been immersed in opposing abortion long enough and they'll tell you the disbelief they felt when news of Roe broke in 1973 and the naive certainty they had that it would be overturned in a couple of years. They'll tell you about the politicians who collected their votes and never delivered, and the judges seen as allies who went on to disappoint. They'll tell you how the issue ended friendships or landed them in handcuffs or brought their heartache again and again and again.

And yet, here they are, all these years later, in the fight so long some have grandchildren at their side.

Along the way, the image of an abortion opponent cemented in some Americans' minds became a rabid protester shouting condemnation and clutching a gory sign, who would do anything to advance their cause.

Baumgartner, 53, knows the caricature many have of anti-abortion figures like him.

He shudders when noisy protesters show up. He knows a woman arriving here may see everyone on the street the same, but if he could just have her ear for a moment, he thinks he can convince her.

"They're expecting to get yelled at that they're going to hell," says Baumgartner, who left his job as a pilot behind to create the organization. "We're here to be different."

When he started his organization in 2012, the first woman he approached changed her mind, giving birth to a little girl whose picture hangs beside his office desk. It became the first of what the group regards as a "save," when someone they've interacted with who planned to have an abortion changes their mind.

Last year, they estimate about 1,600 women had an abortion at the clinic. They logged 66 saves.

This day, once the woman that exited the clinic went to A Moment of Hope's idling RV to talk with one of its counselors, she tells of a tough upbringing in foster care, an abusive partner who's now out of the picture, the struggles of raising a 3-year-old, the problems with money, all the things that seemed impossible even before her period failed to arrive and morning sickness started sapping her will.

And, in the end, she went through with the abortion she came here for.

For those who've been immersed in the long fight against abortion, there have been many days like this one, with disappointments and setbacks. But they'll return when the clinic reopens. They'll return even if Roe falls. Many expect the fight to continue to their grave.

They've never felt more hopeful. A change, they are sure, is coming.



Capitol Police stand guard outside the Supreme Court on Wednesday. The court is set to announce a number of high-profile decisions before the end of June. NATHAN HOWARD/GETTY

In Biden win, justices dismiss Trump-era immigration case

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Wednesday that it was wrong to wade into a dispute involving a Trump-era immigration rule that the Biden administration has abandoned, so the justices dismissed the case.

The court had said it would answer the question of whether a group of 13 Republican-led states, headed by Arizona, could pick up the legal defense of the Trump-era "public charge" rule that denied green cards to immigrants who use food stamps or other public benefits.

The high court heard arguments in the case in February and appeared on track to decide it. But in an unsigned, one-sentence opinion Wednesday, the court said it was dismissing the case. That ruling leaves in place a lower court ruling in favor of the Biden administration that the states could not intervene.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote separately to say he agreed with the decision to toss the case. Roberts said that "bound

up" in the case are "a great many issues beyond" the question that the court had agreed to decide.

Roberts said the court's action shouldn't be taken as "reflective of ... the appropriate resolution of other litigation, pending or future, related to the 2019 Public Charge Rule, its repeal, or its replacement by a new rule."

Roberts was joined by three other justices in the court's conservative majority: Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch. Gorsuch was appointed to the court by Trump. The former president's two other nominees, Justice Brett Kavanaugh and Justice Amy Coney Barrett, said nothing.

At the center of the case was a federal law that says green card applicants cannot be burdens to the country or "public charges." The Trump administration significantly expanded the definition, saying the use of public benefits including food stamps or Medicaid could be disqualifying. That led to court challenges, but the Supreme Court allowed the policy to take effect while those continued.

The Biden administration rescinded the rule and has since announced new guidelines. The administration had said that in practice, the government denied green cards to only three people under Trump's rule and that their applications were later reopened and approved.

Immigration groups have said the bigger impact of the rule was scaring immigrants, causing them to drop benefits or not enroll in them because of fears doing so could affect their applications to become legal permanent residents.

Also Wednesday, the justices ruled that the federal government improperly lowered drug reimbursement payments to hospitals and clinics that serve low-income communities, a reduction that cost the facilities billions of dollars.

The high court ruled unanimously in a case involving payments for drugs, largely for cancer, that are used by Medicare patients in hospital outpatient departments. The Biden administration had stood by a Trump administration decision to reduce the payments.

Historic floods batter Mont. after swamping Yellowstone

By Matthew Brown and Lindsay Whitehurst
Associated Press

RED LODGE, Mont. — Floodwaters that rushed through Yellowstone National Park and surrounding communities earlier this week moved through Montana's largest city Wednesday, flooding farms and ranches and forcing the shutdown of its water treatment plant.

The water in the Yellowstone River hit its highest level in nearly a century as it traveled east to Billings, Montana, home to nearly 110,000 people. It hit 16 feet, a foot higher than the water plant needs to work effectively.

The historic floodwaters raged through the nation's oldest national park this week and may have forever altered the human footprint on Yellowstone's terrain and the communities that have grown around it.

The floodwaters tore out bridges and poured into nearby homes. They pushed a popular fishing river off course — possibly permanently — and may force roadways nearly torn away by torrents of water to be rebuilt in new places.

"The landscape literally and figuratively has changed dramatically in the last 36 hours," said Bill Berg, a commissioner in nearby Park County. "A little bit ironic that this spectacular landscape was created by violent geologic and hydrologic events, and it's just not very handy when it happens while we're all here settled on it."

The unprecedented flooding drove more than 10,000 visitors out of the park and damaged hundreds of homes in nearby communities, though no one was reported injured or killed.

The park could remain closed as long as a week, and northern entrances may not reopen this summer, Super-



A train bridge lies in ruins Wednesday along the Yellowstone River near Livingston, Montana. The river reached 16 feet in Billings, the largest city in the state. RICK BOWMER/AP

intendent Cam Sholly said.

"I've heard this is a 1,000-year event, whatever that means these days. They seem to be happening more and more frequently," he said.

Sholly noted some weather forecasts include the possibility of additional flooding this weekend.

Days of rain and rapid snowmelt wrought havoc across parts of southern Montana and northern Wyoming, where it washed away cabins, swamped small towns and knocked out power. It hit the park as a summer tourist season that draws millions of visitors was ramping up during its 150th anniversary year.

Businesses in hard-hit Gardiner had just started really recovering from the tourism contraction brought by the coronavirus pandemic, and were hoping for a good year, Berg said.

"It's a Yellowstone town, and it lives and dies by tourism, and this is going to be a pretty big hit," he said. "They're looking to try to figure out how to hold things together."

Some of the worst damage happened in the northern part of the park and Yellowstone's gateway communities in southern Montana.

National Park Service photos of northern Yellow-

stone showed a mudslide, washed-out bridges and roads undercut by churning floodwaters of the Gardner and Lamar rivers.

In Red Lodge, a town of 2,100 that's a popular jumping-off point for a scenic route into the Yellowstone high country, a creek running through town jumped its banks and swamped the main thoroughfare, leaving trout swimming in the street a day later under sunny skies.

Residents described a harrowing scene where the water went from a trickle to a torrent in just a few hours.

The water toppled telephone poles, knocked over fences and carved deep fissures in the ground through a neighborhood of hundreds of houses. Electricity was restored by Tuesday, but there was still no running water in the affected neighborhood.

Heidi Hoffman left early Monday to buy a sump pump in Billings, but by the time she returned her basement was full of water.

"We lost all our belongings in the basement," she said as the pump removed a steady stream of water into her muddy backyard. "We're going to be cleaning up for a long time."

At least 200 homes were flooded in Red Lodge and the town of Fromberg.

WORLD & NATION

ANALYSIS

Soldier’s corpse left behind: Why?

Russians abandon the bodies of many fighters in Ukraine

By Thomas Gibbons-Neff
The New York Times

HUSARIVKA, Ukraine — There’s a dead guy in there. He is charred black, almost like he had been welded inside the Russian military vehicle as it exploded.

How long had this Russian soldier been on display? Long enough to become a monument in this tiny eastern Ukraine village, Husarivka, where some people walked by in the cold rain, knowing they were passing by a tomb.

The Russians, by that point in April, had been gone from the area for around two weeks, the evidence of their retreat scattered across the roads and fields — mixed with bullet-riddled civilian vehicles and hastily dug backyard graves.

The two weeks was just long enough for the 400 or so remaining residents to take stock of what, exactly, had happened to them since the end of February: the war, the occupation, the battle to retake their village, their own losses, and the body left behind inside the destroyed armored vehicle.

He was burned so badly I couldn’t tell how old he was, but I figured he must be young because he was sitting in the troop compartment: the back of the armored personnel carrier where a half-dozen or so guys typically crouch holding their rifles, waiting for some older officer to tell them to get out and attack or defend.

Maybe he had been sitting there listening to the shooting outside the thin armor of his vehicle, known as a BMP, that, a few moments later, did precisely nothing to stop the projectile that splayed the whole thing



The remains of a destroyed armored vehicle still contain the burned body of a Russian soldier in Husarivka, Ukraine. TYLER HICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

open like a can.

But two weeks later still he sits, his last thoughts gone from his skull, cracked open and wet from the rain.

The Russians have abandoned the bodies of many of their troops, a startling practice that flouts a common code among combatants. Does it signal disarray? Low morale? Or was it, in this case, something more personal?

Maybe if he had been popular in the platoon, the guy who picked you up from the bar at 4 a.m. with no questions asked, they would have fought to put out the flames. Or at least to get his body, so he could be buried under a familiar sky.

Or maybe it was so catastrophic that by the time the survivors made it to safety and looked around and realized, good God, he’s missing,

they knew there was nothing they could do. He was still in there. Trapped.

I’m looking at him, thinking about all this, trying to figure out if that’s his rib cage, listening to the artillery in the distance and wondering if it’s getting closer or farther away.

Husarivka was a speed bump in a Russian advance that failed, leaving the village of dairy farms, and little else, briefly occupied by Russian soldiers — and saturated with Ukrainian artillery fire in response — until the Ukrainians advanced at the end of March.

Presumably, that was when the BMP was destroyed. Now the front line was just miles away, and we were there doing the same thing as Husarivka’s residents: taking stock of the wreckage and the loss.

As has become a depressing attribute in modern wars, there is a lot of statistical talk about casualties and killing in this one, as if the violence had become so routine and mechanical, so quickly, that the numbers of the dead and wounded can be pored over like sports scores.

For the people in Russia and Ukraine, those faceless numbers only glanced at by the rest of the world are fathers, sons, friends. Their empty rooms will have to be repainted and refurbished, or left undisturbed, awaiting a return that will never come.

This urge to gawk at the unspoken parts of war reminded me of my second deployment as a Marine in southern Afghanistan in 2010, where there was plenty of killing and dying

but not on a scale comparable to Ukraine.

A wounded Taliban fighter — or a man who the platoon said was a Taliban fighter — had been taken to our outpost of about 50 people so he could get evacuated for treatment. The Talib was shot up pretty badly, bandaged but clinging to life.

Everyone in the outpost wanted to see him. They stopped what they were doing, crowded around the stretcher and looked at this man slowly dying. Just to see it, to experience it.

Why?

Maybe it was a kind of comfort, the ultimate reminder: He was on that stretcher, and they, in that moment, were not.

In Ukraine, the twisted hulks of destroyed tanks and other Russian military vehi-

cles put on display in Kyiv, the capital, have attracted crowds.

The young and the old have likely been drawn there for many of the same reasons as my comrades in Afghanistan were more than a decade ago.

This wartime wanting to look — at wreckage, at the wounded and even at the dead — feels almost inevitable, something you have to do to make sure it all really happened. But I’m in no position to judge.

There I was a few weeks ago, staring at this dead Russian soldier in eastern Ukraine, peering into his tomb of tangled metal and shell casings and what was left of his incinerated body, summoned by a simple statement.

There’s a dead guy in there.

War no joke, but humor helps to buoy spirits

Ukrainians turn to comedy for sanity’s sake amid upheaval

By John Leicester
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Because he’ll shortly be deployed as a soldier on the battlefields of Ukraine, Serhiy Lipko and Anastasia Zukhvala chose to marry first, like a growing number of couples being torn asunder by war with Russia.

Like others, their nuptials were rushed and smaller than they would have been during peacetime, with just a few dozen close friends and family. She wore a simple crown of blue flowers in her hair. And then, because laughter can be medicinal and because Lipko was building a career as a comic before the defense of his country called, they headed to a stand-up comedy club in Ukraine’s capital, Kyiv.

There, with his new wife watching from the wings, he took the stage in olive green fatigues and soon had the crowd in stitches with close-to-the-bone humor about army and married life. He joked that military training with NATO instructors had been a great opportunity for him to practice his English, and how nervous he’d been about handling expensive military gear, for fear of breaking it.

The war isn’t remotely funny, but Ukrainians are learning to laugh about the awfulness of it all. Not necessarily because they want to, but because they must — to stay sane in the brutality that has killed tens of thousands of people, is upending Ukraine, millions of lives and the world order as it rages on front lines in the east and south of the country.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his troops, especially dead and wounded ones, are favorite targets of dark Ukrainian wartime humor. But there are red



An audience enjoys Serhiy Lipko’s wedding-day comedy routine Saturday in Kyiv, Ukraine. NATACHA PISARENKO/AP PHOTOS

lines: Ukrainian dead aren’t laughed about and the grimest battles, among them the brutal siege of Mariupol and the port city’s Azovstal steelworks, are far too raw for jokes. The same is true of atrocities in Bucha and elsewhere.

“Tragedies cannot and will never be the object of humor,” said Zukhvala, who also performs as a stand-up comic, as she and Lipko hugged with the tenderness of newlyweds after his show and scooped up armfuls of bouquets, wondering aloud how they’d find space for them at home.

“This is an absolutely crazy time, beyond ordinary experience,” she said. “Our life now is made of paradoxes, and it can even be funny.”

Ukraine’s most famous comedian is Volodymyr Zelenskyy, now the country’s president, elected in 2019.

In the TV comedy series “Servant of the People,” the



Newlywed stand-up comics Serhiy Lipko and Anastasia Zukhvala embrace Saturday on their wedding day in Kyiv. The army gave Lipko, soon to be deployed, a day off to tie the knot.

former stand-up comic and actor played a lovable high school teacher who accidentally becomes president — before he later actually became one for real. But Zelenskyy hasn’t had much cause for comedy since the Feb. 24 invasion thrust him

into the role of wartime leader. His daily video addresses to the nation are often grim and forceful.

But while he works to rally international support and soldiers fight with tanks, artillery and tons of Western-supplied arma-

ments, Ukrainians away from the front are using jokes and humor as weapons — against wartime anxiety and moroseness, against Russia and to feel as one, both laughing and crying together in their sorrow and anger.

Yuliia Shytko, 29, said she felt in far higher spirits after chortling loudly with the rest of the crowd through Lipko and other comedians’ routines in the basement comedy club, the vast majority of their jokes revolving around war-related themes.

“Laughing and stuff, that’s how you cope,” Shytko said.

Lipko and Zelenskyy crossed paths in comedy before war utterly altered their trajectories. The future president, then still an entertainer, was a juror in 2016 on the TV game show, “Make a Comedian Laugh.” Lipko was a contestant. He wore camouflage fatigues because he was in the midst of military service and rattled off jokes about his army expe-

riences. He made Zelenskyy laugh by quipping that he’d buy a PlayStation if he won the top prize — which he eventually did. They spoke in Russian then; they both stick to Ukrainian in public now.

Lipko is still riffing on army life, even as he prepares within days to leave behind his bride to fight. The army gave him a day off to tie the knot, a quick in-and-out of a marriage office where their comedian friends ruffled the registrar’s feathers by joking around.

“We laughed a lot,” said stand-up comic Anton Tymoshenko, who attended and also performed later that night at the club.

Lipko’s nickname in the army is “The Comedian.” During his routine, he joked that some things his fellow soldiers say and do are so funny he can’t help but use them as fodder for his stand-up, despite having told them he wouldn’t. Afterward, he said his comic outlook should help him endure in battle.

“I am a comedian who temporarily became a serviceman,” he said. “I have plans and creative projects for after the war. There are things to live for.”

Zukhvala said she tells herself that “we will win and everything will be fine.” She wants a big wedding celebration when peace returns.

Tymoshenko said he and their other comedian friends will look after her while Lipko is away.

But he has worries of his own: He has been trying to persuade his parents to leave their village in the south that he feels is too close to the Russian advance, but to his dismay they’re laughing off the danger. His mother quipped that should Russian missiles churn up her potato plot, that would spare her the spade work.

“My mother never joked before the war,” he said. “They use my weapons against me ... and that’s unfair.”

BUSINESS

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Biden asks US oil refiners to boost their production

President’s letter to 7 firms says profits ‘at their highest levels ever recorded’

By Josh Boak and Cathy Bussewitz
Associated Press

President Joe Biden on Wednesday called on U.S. oil refiners to produce more gasoline and diesel, saying their profits have tripled during a time of war between Russia and Ukraine as Americans struggle with record high prices at the pump.

“The crunch that families are facing deserves immediate action,” Biden wrote in a letter to seven oil refiners. “Your companies need to work with my Administration to bring forward concrete, near-term solutions that address the crisis.”

Gas prices nationwide are averaging roughly \$5 a gallon, an economic burden for many Americans and a political threat for Democrats going into the midterm elections. Broader inflation began to rise last year as the U.S. economy recovered from the coronavirus pandemic, and accelerated in recent months as energy and food prices climbed after Russia invaded Ukraine in February and disrupted global commodity markets.

The government reported Friday that consumer prices had jumped 8.6% from a year ago, the worst increase in more than 40 years.

The letter, sent to Marathon Petroleum, Valero Energy, ExxonMobil, Phillips 66, Chevron, BP and Shell, notes that gas prices were averaging \$4.25 a gallon when oil was last near the current price of \$120 a barrel in March. That 75-cent difference in average gas prices in a matter of just a few months reflects both a shortage of refinery capacity and profits that “are currently at their highest levels ever recorded,” the letter states.

The American Petroleum Institute, which represents the industry, said in a statement that capacity has been diminished as the Biden administration has sought to move away from fossil fuels as part of its climate change agenda.

“The administration’s misguided policy agenda shifting away from domestic oil and natural gas has compounded inflationary pressures and added headwinds to companies’ daily efforts to meet growing energy needs while reducing emissions,” API CEO

Mike Sommers said in a statement.

The letter is unlikely to start a chain of events that would boost supplies. Refineries have gone through unprecedented, unplanned maintenance globally in the last three months and there is an extreme shortage being felt across the globe, said Claudio Galimberti, senior vice president at Rystad Energy. China’s decision to limit its exports of oil products also contributed to the problem, he said.

“U.S. refiners cannot increase capacity beyond current levels,” Galimberti said. “If they could, they would have done it already.”

As Biden sees it, refineries are capitalizing on the uncertainties caused by “a time of war.” His message that corporate greed is contributing to higher prices has been controversial among many economists, yet may have some resonance with voters.

Some liberal lawmakers have proposed cracking down on corporate profits amid soaring inflation. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., in March proposed a 95% tax on profits beyond companies’ pre-pandemic averages.

Automated cars tied to nearly 400 US crashes

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Automakers reported nearly 400 crashes of vehicles with partially automated driver-assist systems, including 273 involving Teslas, according to statistics released Wednesday by U.S. safety regulators.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cautioned against using the numbers to compare automakers, saying it didn’t weight them by the number of vehicles from each manufacturer that use the systems or how many miles those vehicles traveled.

Automakers reported crashes from July of last year through May 15 under an order from the agency.

Tesla’s crashes happened while vehicles were using Autopilot, “Full Self-Driving,” Traffic Aware Cruise Control, or other driver-assist systems that have some control over speed and steering. The company has about 830,000 vehicles with the systems on the road.

The next closest of a dozen automakers that reported crashes was Honda, with 90. Honda says it has about six million vehicles on U.S. roads with such systems.

Subaru was next with 10, and all other automakers reported five or fewer, according to the statistics.

In a June 2021 order, NHTSA told over 100 automakers and automated vehicle tech companies to report serious crashes within one day of learning about them and to disclose less-serious crashes by the 15th day of the following month.

The agency is assessing how the systems perform and if new regulations are needed.

Six people were killed in the crashes involving driver-assist systems, NHTSA said. Of the deaths, five occurred in Teslas and one was reported by Ford.



The Corella brothers work their land May 30 in Milpa Alta, south of Mexico City. The three retired teachers are beneficiaries of a government program that gives rural families cash payments to grow crops, and technical advice to help produce more food. **EDUARDO VERDUGO/AP**

Growing pains felt in Mexico

Government program with eye toward self-sufficiency faces greater sense of urgency

By Maria Verza
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The corn has begun to sprout on the hillsides south of Mexico’s capital, though it’s unclear whether these shoots will have enough water to grow or whether the farmer will be able to afford the increasingly expensive fertilizer.

What is known is that the government of President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador wants Mexicans to produce more of their own food in order to move toward self-sufficiency in key products and to control prices for basic foodstuffs.

The president’s idea, which involves giving rural families cash payments to grow crops and technical advice, isn’t new, but the ravages of the pandemic, climate change and market turmoil created by the war in Ukraine have given it new urgency.

The government wants to head off food insecurity in a country where 44% of the population lives in poverty and where 27.5 million tons of corn are produced, but more than 40 million tons are consumed, according to government data.

While G-7 countries look for global solu-

tions and the United States and development banks prepare a multibillion-dollar plan to ease food insecurity, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has welcomed Mexico’s efforts toward self-sufficiency in basic foods, but does not expect quick results.

“We do not see food prices going down, at least this year,” said Lina Pohl, the organization’s representative in Mexico.

The government hasn’t given any estimate of how much additional food it is aiming for, saying only that it wants to boost production on 60% of the 2.47 million acres in the program.

Brothers Arturo, Benjamin and Victor Corella, three retired teachers now farming family plots in Milpa Alta in southernmost Mexico City, know everyone is having a rough time. They are optimistic because after only one year in “Sowing Life,” one of Lopez Obrador’s signature programs, they harvested 1½ tons of corn where they had previously only gotten one.

“The most important reason for planting is that (the whole family) has self-sufficiency in corn, not having to go buy tortillas, but rather try to do it ourselves,” said Benjamin. Now, he said, a government technician coaches them through their planting strategies, improving their yield.

Sowing Life was publicized as an ambitious reforestation program that aimed

to plant nearly 2.5 million acres of trees producing fruit and lumber. It was also hoped that giving rural families a sustainable source of revenue and a monthly cash payment would keep more of them on their land rather than migrating north.

But the program also included a lesser-known option that Lopez Obrador now hopes to amplify. Some enrollees could choose to receive monthly payments to grow what in Mexico is known as the “milpa,” corn, beans and squash grown together as has been done for centuries.

The Sowing Life program counts with an investment of nearly \$4 billion and some 450,000 participating growers, each of whom receives a monthly \$225 payment from the government. The real number of people involved is far larger though, because to qualify each grower needs to farm about 6.2 acres — more land than many farmers have — and often entire families or even communities pool their land like the Corellas.

Despite the government’s use of the program to counter its less-than-stellar environmental record and doubts about its scientific underpinnings, few have questioned its social impact.

Housed in Mexico’s social welfare — not agriculture — ministry, it generates work and food by supporting farmers with technical advice and monitoring.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Retail sales fell 0.3% last month

NEW YORK — Americans trimmed their spending unexpectedly in May compared with a month before, underscoring how surging inflation on daily necessities like gas is causing them to be more cautious about buying discretionary items.

U.S. retail sales slipped 0.3% last month, down from a revised 0.7% increase in April, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

A sharp decline in auto sales, largely because of higher prices and shortages of new car inventories, depressed the retail sales figure. Excluding autos, retail sales rose 0.5% last month. But excluding sales from gas stations, retail sales slipped 0.7%, showing how higher prices at the pump are accounting for more of shoppers’ overall spending.

Compass, Redfin laying off staffers

Real estate brokerages Compass and Redfin are laying off employees, a sign the housing market is cooling as higher interest rates make mortgages more expensive.

Glenn Kelman, Redfin’s CEO, announced a cut of about 8% of the company’s workforce in an email to employees Tuesday, citing sinking demand, which was 17% lower than expected last month. Kelman said. Redfin employed about 6,500 people at the end of 2021.

Compass is eliminating 10% of its employees. Compass employed about 4,800 people at the end of 2021.

The rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has risen to 5.65%, the highest level since 2008, the Mortgage Bankers Association said Wednesday.

UK post-Brexit trade rule rewrite spurs suit

By Samuel Petrequin and Jill Lawless
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union sued Britain on Wednesday over its move to rewrite the trade rules agreed to when the country left the EU two years ago, ratcheting up tensions between the major economic partners.

This week, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s government proposed legislation that would remove customs checks on some goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K. Those checks were imposed as part of a hard-fought compromise when Britain left the EU and its borderless free-trade zone — but have caused both economic and political prob-

lems in Northern Ireland, where some say they undermine the region’s place in the United Kingdom.

The EU’s decision to pursue legal action raises the possibility that one or both sides could impose punishing tariffs on the other. But the prospect of trade war still seemed a distant possibility since both would suffer and have said they want to find a solution outside of the courts.

According to the latest EU figures, the 27-nation bloc is the U.K.’s biggest trading partner, while the U.K. is the EU’s third-biggest partner after the U.S. and China.

At the heart of the dispute — and the whole reason a compromise was needed in the first place — are concerns about stability in Northern Ireland, which is the only

part of the U.K. that shares a border with an EU country, namely Ireland. The checks were imposed in order to keep that border open because that is a key pillar of the peace process that ended decades of violence in Northern Ireland.

But British unionists in Northern Ireland say the new checks have put a burden on businesses and frayed the bonds between the region and the rest of the U.K. The rules have also led to a political crisis in Northern Ireland, where the main unionist party blocked the formation of a new power-sharing government in Belfast, saying it won’t take part until the Brexit trade rules are scrapped.

The British government called the EU’s move “disappointing”



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OP-ED

Time to protect, improve Social Security

By Shawn T. Wooden
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According to the National Institute on Retirement Security, 57% of Americans do not own any retirement account assets. That means millions of U.S. workers aren't saving enough for retirement and will not be able to adequately supplement their Social Security benefits when they retire. We know that those without access to retirement savings will experience a reduced quality of life and greater debt and anxiety in their later years.

Closing this retirement savings gap is becoming more difficult as access to workplace savings is trending downward while companies make the switch from traditional, defined-benefit pensions to cheaper 401(k)s. And of those workers who do have access to these retirement plans, only about half are participating.

This trend comes as Social Security provides fewer benefits than it once did and current and future retirees need more income to sustain themselves through retirements. With people living longer, and health care and every-day costs going up, seniors need more retirement savings to be able to retire with dignity.

If we do not act swiftly to address this crisis, the number of seniors (over age 62) living below or near the poverty line will soar to 21.8 million by 2045 — up 25% from 17.5 million in 2018.

So what can we do?

It's time to protect and improve Social Security.

Social Security is often the only source of income for many seniors, and nearly two-thirds of beneficiaries aged 65 or older receive 50% or more of their total income from monthly Social Security checks. For one-third of elderly beneficiaries, Social Security provides 90% or more of their income. As the foundation of financial security for many Americans, Social Security provides retirement, disability and dependent benefits. It is Congress' responsibility to ensure we uphold the federal government's promise to Americans to retire with dignity, which President Joe Biden calls a "sacred trust."

With many living on a fixed income, inflation has hit seniors the hardest. Currently, Congress is considering Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust, a bill that would improve benefits and strengthen the program's solvency. Social Security 2100 would also provide a modest



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benefit bump for all beneficiaries and improve the annual cost-of-living adjustment to better reflect the costs seniors face, making benefits more resilient to inflation.

The bottom line: Social Security is critical to our society and we must protect this program for future generations. It has been 50 years since Congress expanded Social Security benefits and 39 years since it took action to strengthen solvency. The time to act is now.

How do we move forward?

To truly meet this looming crisis, we need a comprehensive approach to retirement savings. A meaningful solution will build on Social Security and include policy changes where everyone, especially young workers, women and workers of color, can easily save for retirement and have the abil-

ity to carry any retirement savings with them from job to job. Here are some ideas: Make it easier to track and roll over accounts when switching jobs to stem retirement plan leakage. More than one in three of plan participants withdraw part or all of their retirement plan assets following a job change, with the lost savings amounting to between \$60 billion and \$105 billion per year. Decoupling retirement plans from individual employers could alleviate job-change-induced retirement savings loss.

Expand state-sponsored savings programs. There are ways to support the workers in companies that do not provide retirement options. State automatic individual retirement account programs blossomed when OregonSaves launched the nation's first pilot plan to capture

workers who weren't building nest eggs in 2017. Since then, 14 states — including Connecticut's MyCTSavings program — have begun some form of government-sponsored auto-savings plan.

Expand savings options for short-term emergencies. According to the Federal Reserve, more than one in three Americans don't have enough savings to cover a \$400 emergency. Add in the additional challenge of low wages, student loan debt and expensive health care, saving for retirement is a near-impossible dream for many. Pairing an automatic short-term savings plan with a workplace retirement plan could make saving for retirement more achievable for everyone.

This Friday at 11 a.m., we are co-hosting with Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, U.S. Secre-

tary of Labor's Representative for Pensions and Retirement, a conversation on this topic and potential solutions with Connecticut and national experts at the Hartford Public Library. This is the second in a national series of conversations to discuss solutions to the retirement crisis and the public is invited to attend and ask questions. There is an answer to the retirement savings and security questions and it is more than individual behavior and choices. It is essential that all of us, in the private and public sectors, continue to work together to better understand and tackle this daunting but fixable challenge.

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Why Trump appointees setting record straight

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

How do presidents get in trouble? Monday's Jan. 6 committee hearing on Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the 2020 election didn't focus on that general question, but it did demonstrate something familiar to students of the presidency.

The committee heard former Attorney General William Barr and other witnesses say they had told the president that the fraud he was hearing about from various dubious sources had not happened. Trump chose to reject what the Justice Department, state governments and experienced professionals in his own presidential campaign told him, and to rely instead on nonsense conjured up by cranks.

Once again, we saw a president fail to accept — or, in Trump's case, fail even to try to understand — that presidents are only one of many sources of legitimate authority within the U.S. political system. When presidents try to get their way despite failing to persuade those other political players to go along, they risk winding up surrounded by buffoons. The president's plans blow up in his face, sometimes to the point of legal jeopardy.

That is one way to understand what brought down Richard Nixon's presidency. Trump didn't quite suffer Nixon's fate, but he did wind up as the only president to be impeached twice, and the only one to have senators in his own party vote to convict him (with several others saying they would have done so had the clock not run out on his presidency). He still may wind up in considerable legal trouble.

Nixon's story is instructive. Nixon had inherited the Vietnam War from Lyndon Johnson, but as it continued and in some ways expanded during his first two years in office, antiwar activism became more intense. Nixon sought to fight back, and White House staffer Tom Charles Huston drew up plans to spy on and disrupt the movement.

The FBI, however, refused to carry out Huston's plan in 1970. A year later, when the Pentagon Papers were leaked to major newspapers, Nixon decided to go ahead without the FBI, hiring operatives on the



A photo of former Trump campaign manager Bill Stepien is displayed while excerpts of his deposition are played during a Jan. 6 committee hearing. KENT NISHIMURA/LOS ANGELES TIMES

White House staff to do what the agency in charge of such things refused to do. The crimes committed by the so-called White House plumbers, including two later transferred to his reelection campaign, were what destroyed Nixon's presidency.

The FBI refused Nixon's order because, like all executive branch agencies, it had standard operating procedures that developed over time. Part of this involves (usually, albeit not always) keeping the agency on the right side of the law, and part of it has to do with professionalism.

Another way to look at it is that agencies have many bosses — the president, Congress, the courts — and they learn over time to keep all of them reasonably happy. In that way, following the law and upholding professional standards can be seen as strategies not only to avoid antagonizing presidents but also House and Senate committees and judges while (usually, albeit not always) producing reasonable policy results.

Agencies, just like those bosses they answer to, must also answer to their

constituents. The entire structure of the government is organized around representing voters and their interests, even if voters don't have any idea what most of the government is up to and don't cast their ballots based on those things.

Nixon tried to short-circuit all of that by having the White House staff do what he wanted. Because they were answerable only to him personally, they were able to ignore the mix of interests and constituencies that the government normally represents. It ended badly because the people involved offered no professional expertise, only loyalty. And instead of having standard operating procedures that Nixon could have used as warning signs that he was getting into trouble, his loyalists offered ... loyalty.

Watergate wasn't unique in this sense. Not all trouble caused by presidents trying to govern out of the White House and evade normal executive branch agencies ends in disaster and law-breaking. But a strong case can be made that a great number of fiascos over the last 75 years

or so since the White House staff became an important part of the presidency can be traced back to the same dynamic that produced Watergate.

This certainly was the case with the Iran-Contra affair, which was largely an operation run by staff of the National Security Council, an agency in the White House. One can even argue that the Iraq War debacle was a case where the White House, or more specifically the vice president's office, found ways around potential objections from the State Department and military professionals.

So when Barr and others in the Justice Department, as well as various state officials, refused to go along with Trump's increasingly far-fetched schemes to overturn the election, this should have been a clear sign to the president that he was entering dangerous waters. That Trump turned instead to Rudy Giuliani, the same person he had used to try to work around the State Department on Ukraine only to wind up getting impeached over it has to be a new benchmark in incompetent presidentialing. It's as if Ronald Reagan had tried to restart his presidency after the Iran-Contra scandal by making Oliver North his chief of staff.

Presidents always endanger themselves when they make the absolute loyalty of the people they work with the main thing they care about. Not just because those people will more often than not fail to be "honest or professional," as Trump campaign manager Bill Stepien said about Giuliani and others who were feeding Trump misinformation. But because the government is a great source of information for the president, constantly sending signals about what various constituencies and interests think is important.

When presidents actively take steps to ignore what the government is saying to them, they can easily wind up relying on a loony band of misfits like the one Trump surrounded himself with. As we found out Jan. 6, 2021, they are not only dangerous to presidents. They can also put the nation and the Constitution in danger.

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OBITUARIES

Maffucci, Michael A.



With Sadness,
Michael A Maffucci 61 Of Manchester, Passed away peacefully on June 10th, 2022. Raised in Wethersfield, He leaves his life partner Beatrice Robinson of 38 years, Daughters Tanya and Celso Marques, Alicia Robinson and Terrance, Kerrie Nelson and Antony Santana and Samantha Maffucci and Felix jr. he also leaves behind 7 handsome grandsons and 3 beautiful granddaughters. As well as some Nieces and nephews. Michael was the type of man who would give you the shirt off his back and food off his table to make sure you were complete. Michael enjoyed a lot of things in life like cooking his famous spaghetti sauce and meatballs, fireworks and BBQs with family. He was a fan of Nascar Racing every Sunday as well as football and spending time with his fun and loving grandchildren... he was a hardworking man even after losing his arm from getting electrocuted back in 1991. If you needed something fixed Mike knew how to fix it.
There are too many people that will miss Dad, Grandpa, Uncle Mike , Neighbor and so much more... Many close and wonderful friends and family members
Burial will be at the discretion of the family.

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Vibert, William Monteith



William Monteith Vibert of Granby, CT, beloved husband of Patricia (Parker) Vibert, passed away on June 10, 2022, from causes related to Alzheimer’s disease, just four days shy of his 93rd birthday.
Born on June 14, 1929, in Unionville, CT, Bill was the sixth of seven children of Robert King Vibert, Sr. and Marjorie (Monteith) Vibert. He grew up in Unionville, attended Farmington Public Schools until 1945, then transferred to the Loomis School, graduating in 1948. At Loomis, he played varsity football, basketball, and baseball, and received the Evelyn Longman Batchelder Prize for Sportsmanship at graduation. He went on to Trinity College in Hartford, CT, studied history, and played football all four years. Bill was proud to have been a member of the undefeated 1949 team. He still holds three Trinity College individual game records related to most extra points made by kicking. Just before the start of their senior years in college (Trinity and UConn), on September 1, 1951, Bill married Patricia Parker of Avon, who caught his eye three years earlier when he delivered her family’s mail during his school vacation rural carrier job with the post office.
Two days after his graduation in 1952 with a B.A. in History, Bill and Pat drove to Long Beach, CA, for him to complete training at the U.S. Navy’s Officer Candidate School. He was assigned duty as the Operations Officer on the USS Strickland, DER 333, stationed in Newport, RI. In 1954, he joined the reserves, retiring after 20 years with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.
After active duty, Bill went to the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA, to earn a Master’s in Modern European History in 1956. From September 1955 until June 1969, he taught history at the John Burroughs School in St. Louis, MO, eventually heading the history department, and coached football and baseball. He made lifelong friends there and in particular enjoyed canoeing on the Ozarks’ Current River and chaperoning high school ski trips to Aspen, CO. After 14 years of long road trips between St. Louis and Connecticut to visit family, Bill and Pat returned to Connecticut and a new teaching position with their three children (born in Newport, RI; Iowa City, IA; and Kirkwood, MO) in 1969. Bill joined the faculty of the Westledge School in West Simsbury, CT, newly opened one year earlier in 1968. He continued to teach history, was director of studies, and then director of the school from 1972 to 1976.
After 21 years of teaching, Bill embarked next on a second career as a realtor, from 1976 until his retirement. He began with the Barrows Company, which merged into Merrill Lynch Realty, which became Prudential Connecticut Realty, over time managing offices in Granby, Simsbury, and West Hartford. During his real estate career, he served as Board Chairman of the Greater Hartford Multiple Listing Service in 1990; President of the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors in 1994; and President of the Connecticut Association of Realtors in 2000.
Bill was also active in Granby, where he lived for over 52 years. For a combined 14 years, Bill was an elected member of two Granby town government boards: from 1973 through 1981, he served on the Granby Board of Education, the last four years as Chairman, and from 1983 through 1989, he was on the Granby Board of Selectmen. Bill served as President and Treasurer of the Salmon Brook Historical Society in Granby for a number of terms, and was a member for 50 years. His other areas of activity included: President of the Old Newgate Prison and Copper Mine, Inc.; President and Vice-President of the Friends of Old New-Gate; Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee for the First Congregational Church, Granby, CT; Member of the Farmington Valley Visitors Association Board; President of the Historic Sites of Connecticut’s Farmington Valley, Inc.; and Treasurer of the Hillside Cemetery Association in Unionville.
As evidenced by his education, teaching career, and many of his volunteer activities, Bill loved history and sharing it with others. Just after returning to Connecticut in 1969, he authored Three Centuries of Simsbury, 1670 – 1970, published by the Simsbury Tercentenary Committee in 1970. In later years, he volunteered at the Farmington Room at the Farmington Public Library, assisting people searching for historical information associated with Farmington and the Farmington Valley. He was most recently working on a history of Unionville with a focus on the people who brought about the transformations, as he would say, that the village has experienced over time, before his illness closed that door. Bill valued his family’s historical connection to Unionville, which began in the 1870s with both sets of grandparents. One of his favorite stories and bragging right was about how his mother, Marjorie Monteith (daughter of Professor H.R. Monteith), went from the Unionville schools to become captain of the first women’s basketball team at the Connecticut Agricultural College (predecessor to the University of Connecticut) in 1902 at age 17.
Beyond all his accomplishments, Bill was kind, thoughtful, funny, and always willing to help anyone. He loved and was proud of his family and his family loved and was proud of him. He quietly supported and encouraged his children at every turn and made a lifetime of great dad memories, from endless catches in the front yard to his unflagging interest in what they were doing. He was thrilled when he became a grandfather and enjoyed having a new generation of four individuals to have fun with and watch grow. It was a wonderful moment when he met his first great-grandchild, born in 2019, for the first time.
Bill is survived by his wife of almost 71 years, Patricia Parker Vibert; his three children, Mark Vibert (Betsy) of South Salem, NY, Carrie Vibert of West Hartford, and Todd Vibert (Lisa) of Granby; four grandchildren, Matthew Vibert (Chelsea) of Denver, CO, Bethany Yurek (John) of Jersey City, NJ, Spencer Vibert of Granby, and Taylorann Vibert of Granby; and one great-grandchild, Henry Monteith Vibert, of Denver, CO. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Isabel Gilchrist (Vibert) Benton; and his five brothers: Ruthven Monteith Vibert, Robert King Vibert, Jr., Peter Loomis Vibert, John Witherspoon Vibert, and Thomas Monteith Vibert.
There will be a celebration of life for Bill at a time and place to be set in the near future. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill’s memory to the Salmon Brook Historical Society (P.O. Box 840, Granby, CT, 06035); the Unionville Museum (12 School St., Unionville, CT, 06085); or the Alzheimer’s Association - CT Chapter (200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489). Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Palestine Museum to honor slain reporter

Woodbridge facility to hold memorial ceremony for Al Jazeera journalist fatally shot in West Bank

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Palestine Museum US in Woodbridge was founded in 2018 to tell the story of the Palestinian experience through art. Many of the stories its artworks tell are tragic — reflecting the experience of Palestinians in Israel — but those stories need to be told, museum founder

Faisal Saleh says, because Westerners rarely hear about them. “All the facts about what goes on there are suppressed in a big way. We have to redouble our efforts to get the story out to tell the people what is going on,” Saleh said. “Human rights organizations have published very explicit reports and described the occupied areas as having apartheid practices.”

This week, the museum is telling another tragic story. On June 19, Saleh will preside over a memorial gathering in honor of Shireen Abu Akleh, a Palestinian-American journalist killed in the West Bank in May. Abu Akleh, 51, reported for the Arabic news channel Al Jazeera in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories for 25 years. She was shot to death May 11 while reporting on an Israel Defense Forces

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A Lebanese journalist holds a portrait of slain journalist Shireen Abu Akleh at United Nations headquarters in Beirut on May 11. Palestine Museum US in Woodbridge will host a ceremony for Abu Akleh on Sunday. **BILAL HUSSEIN/AP**



FARMINGTON

Captain named chief of police

Former pro baseball player is a 23-year department veteran

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

FARMINGTON — Farmington has appointed a 23-year department veteran as the town's new chief of police. Captain Colin Ryan will replace current Chief Paul Melanson, who, after 13 years in the position, is leaving to lead Avon's department. Community members and town employees are invited to attend Ryan's swearing-in ceremony and a welcome reception at the Farmington Police Station on June 29 at 6 p.m. at 319 New Britain Ave., Unionville.



Ryan

“Farmington's the only place I've been in law enforcement. It's a place that I care about,” Ryan said. “Being police chief isn't something that when I became a police officer that I said I had to be. It's not going to define my career but it certainly is a great opportunity and a great way to finish out and round out my career.” Starting as a patrol officer in 1999, Ryan rose through the ranks and assumed his current position as second in command in 2017. Ryan also led the regional hostage negotiators team and served on the regional narcotics team. Town officials hailed Ryan's character and service. “Captain Ryan lives his life with integrity, which is how he has served the Town of Farmington for the past 23 years. Colin's accomplishments throughout his career have shown he prioritizes loyalty and dedication to the Farmington Police Department, the law enforcement profession, and the residents of Farmington,” Lt. Tim McKenzie said. “We are very excited and fortunate Captain Ryan has been selected as Chief Melanson's successor.” Farmington Town Manager Kathy Blonski said in a press release that she has worked with Ryan since the beginning of his law enforcement career. She said Ryan is well respected by the department, town and state for

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Emanuel Morales owns Breakthrough Nutrition, a nutritional shake and iced tea store in Hartford, where he is trying to create a sense of physical and mental well-being. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

Inspiring personal breakthroughs

Hartford man lost 50 pounds, then went into business promoting health

By Pam McLoughlin | Hartford Courant

The vibe inside Breakthrough Nutrition in Hartford is a cozy one, with customers from “all walks of life” but business owners have really found a niche there, says owner Emanuel Morales.

“A lot of business owners treat it like a community hub,” says Morales, who lives and works in Hartford. “We talk politics, Hartford, how to improve the city. We general enjoy and support each other.” But the shake and iced-tea joint at 408 New Britain Ave. also is a place of health and nutrition, Morales says, a component that is deeply personal to him.

Morales, 32, opened Breakthrough Nutrition a little more than two years ago right before the pandemic took hold. Morales went into the business, he says, to promote health after losing 50 pounds. “My objective was for people to live healthy instead of getting that fast food fix,” Morales says. He

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Breakthrough Nutrition offers nutritional shakes and teas that customers use for weight management and to boost their energy and immune systems.

Showing LGBTQ pride, support

Rainbow flags draped over Big Bird Bridge in Farmington

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

FARMINGTON — LGBTQ activists and allies hung pride flags in Farmington on Wednesday to spread a message of pride and visibility in a community where they say they often feel neglected. A group of 13 teens and parents draped two rainbow pride flags and a transgender pride flag over the Big Bird Bridge as drivers on Farmington Avenue below honked in support. The Big Bird Bridge display comes two days after a walkout at Farmington High School when administrators denied student requests to fly a pride flag in their school's courtyard. A handful of students at that protest were among those at Wednesday's gathering. On the bridge, students shared experiences with bullying, micro and macroaggressions due to their gender identities and sexual orientations. They said students need more support to combat prejudice in their community and wanted to fly the flags to show that the LGBTQ community is present and proud. “[June] is a month where I don't have to be scared to be myself,” said Quentin, a rising eighth-grader who is transgender and gay. “I went to the mental hospital twice because of bullying. ... I wish [schools] actually educated kids more about how bullying affects people, [and] why people identify the way they do,

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Police searching for hit-and-run car

Vehicle was involved in crash that killed 62-year-old pedestrian

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Police have identified a suspect in a hit-and-run accident that occurred late Saturday night in Hartford near Albany Avenue and Garden Street, police said.

A 62-year-old pedestrian, identified as Rafael Ortiz of Hartford, was killed from injuries sustained in the crash, according to Lieutenant Aaron Boisvert. The driver of the vehicle had fled the area by the time officers arrived just after 11:30 p.m. and police found the man “suffering from injuries sustained during the collision,” police said. EMS crews arrived on scene and began life-saving measures, then

the man was taken to Saint Francis Hospital where he was listed in critical condition early Sunday. He later died from his injuries, police said in an update Wednesday. While the driver of the vehicle evaded and fled the scene of the accident prior to police arrival, a suspect vehicle was identified by investigators, police said. The vehicle suspected to be involved in the crash is a gray, early-to-mid-2000s' Infiniti I30

with a license plate of AZ98699. This car was seen on cameras the day after the crash with damage to the hood and grill. It was last seen with a black hood and front bumper, police said Wednesday. The investigation remains active and ongoing by the Hartford Crime Scene Division, police said. Anyone with any information about the case is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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New Britain man indicted on charges of illegal gun possession

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A New Britain man was indicted in federal court on unlawful gun possession charges, according to federal authorities.

Luis Javier Lopez, 23, was indicted by a grand jury and charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a felon and one count of posses-

sion of ammunition by a felon, according to federal authorities. The maximum prison time for each charge is 10 years.

The indictment alleged that Lopez was in possession of a Taurus G3 9-millimeter pistol and a magazine with 9mm ammunition when he was arrested by Hartford police Feb. 26 for state-related charges, according to the

release.

It also alleged that Lopez was previously convicted in state court for intent to sell a controlled substance.

In 2018 Lopez was sentenced to five years in jail, suspended after nine months with three years of probation, according to state court records. It is a violation of federal law for a person previously

convicted of a felony offense to possess a firearm or ammunition.

He has been in custody since his arrest on related state charges, federal authorities said.

The case is under investigation by the Hartford Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, according to federal authorities.

Milford man injured during attempted catalytic converter theft outside home

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A Milford man was reportedly attacked outside his home early Tuesday morning during an attempted catalytic converter theft, police said.

The man walked outside his home about 2 a.m. when he heard a “grind-

ing” noise in his driveway. He was then attacked by an “unknown party” from behind, he told Milford police. The suspect — described by the victim as a tall, thin male wearing all black with a black facemask — then fled in a silver sedan, the victim told police.

Police responded to the scene after a neighbor

called in a reported street fight. When they arrived they found the man suffering from a “severe laceration to his face.”

The victim was taken to a local hospital for a non-life-threatening but “significant” injury. He is in stable condition, police said.

Police said citizens should refrain from

confronting criminal suspects, and should call 911 from a “safe and concealed place” and describe what they are seeing to dispatch, the release said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Mahoney at rmahoney@milfordct.gov or 203-783-4727.

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so that people are more aware of why and how people identify differently.”

Lisa Arenivaz said that after the bullying her LGBTQ child experienced in middle school this year, her family decided to move out of Connecticut.

“It is heartbreaking. It is frustrating,” Arvenas said. “It angers and saddens me that these kids are forced to advocate for themselves at such a young age.”

Jackie Harris-Stone identifies as queer and has two children. Harris-Stone said they would like to see more support for LGBTQ students — from teacher training, to record keeping, to curriculum.

Raine, who is a trans and bisexual, said that he often encounters issues with teachers using incorrect pronouns.

“It takes them a long time to figure out and I don’t like correcting them because it’s something I’m



LGBTQ youth hang pride flags on the Big Bird Bridge in Farmington Wednesday. COURTESY

not sure how to do entirely. So I still get called ‘she’ all the time,” Raine said.

Raine said that he and his LGBTQ peers would like to feel that their existence is acknowledged.

Morgan, a rising fresh-

manl who identifies as lesbian, said that she feels proud to hopefully make an impact through the flag display at Big Bird Bridge.

“I go by this bridge every single day,” Morgan said. “It’s just really cool that

now, I’ll be able to drive by every day and see myself and the people that I care about represented on it.”

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his police work.

“Captain Ryan has served his entire career in the Town of Farmington and exemplifies the strength, dedication, and commitment of our Police force,” Blonski said. “I am confident that Captain Ryan will lead the depart-

ment with integrity and continue the department’s reputation of delivering the highest level of professional police services in partnership with the community.”

Ryan grew up in Newton, Massachusetts. He played baseball at the University of Maine from 1986-1989 before being drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 14th round of

the MLB draft.

During his professional baseball career, Ryan was a catcher for minor league teams in Oregon, Wisconsin and Florida before finishing at age 26 in the Double-A Southern League in Memphis, Tennessee.

Afterward, Ryan got married, moved to Connecticut, took the police exam and began

working for the Farmington Police Department. While working full time, he finished his bachelor’s degree in communications at Curry College. Ryan has two older children and currently lives in Glastonbury.

“It has truly been a wonderful journey from professional baseball to police chief,” Ryan said.

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chose the business name because he believes people need “breakthrough” in their life.

“That’s one thing I love is seeing people win at life,” Morales says. “We’re going to celebrate everyone’s wins,” from those who manage to get out of bed in the morning to work out to those starting a new business.

Breakthrough Nutrition, a homey, 600-square-foot space with six seats, two tables and two couches, sells shakes and teas in dozens of flavors.

“I call it a Starbucks for healthy people,” Morales says.

The soy-based shakes made of Herbalife Nutrition powders — Morales is a distributor — come in flavors that include Death by Chocolate, Coffee Cake, Vanilla Caramel Latte, Orange Creamsicle, Blueberry Muffin, Pina Colada and Coconut Cream Pie. Fan favorites, Morales says, are Banana Pudding and White Salted Caramel.

The shakes that are considered a meal replacement contain 24 grams of protein, six more when

peanut butter is added, and they’re mostly under 250 calories.

The teas, in flavors with titles such as Pineapple Sundress, Sex on the Beach, Wonder Woman and Captain America, can be boosted with collagen, probiotics, immunity enhancers and electrolytes.

“Emanuel always has a positive and uplifting vibe. This vibe can be felt through all of his clients when they come in. It’s like an extended family,” says customer Tina Virola, who owns an insurance agency in Hartford and lives in West Hartford. “The shakes are a wonderful meal replacement, and I don’t feel guilty after having one since they are healthy. The teas give a boost of energy and hydration. I have a lot of favorites but I can say the Salted Caramel Shake and the Red Sunset Tea are my go-to drinks.”

Customer Jacqueline Ward lives in New Britain but makes her way to Breakthrough Nutrition every day. The energy teas are her favorite.

“I walked through his doors two years ago and never stopped going,” says Ward, who says she’s lost more than 50 pounds since

going there. “It’s a positive impact on health and wellness for the community. Changing lives day by day. The products completely changed my life.”

Customer Karen Morales, no relation to the store owner, lives in the south end of Hartford where there are similar shops closer to home, but she drives to Breakthrough Nutrition early in the morning for the vibe.

“I like walking into a calm, peaceful environment,” she says. “At Breakthrough everyone always greets each other. I like the no judgment vibe. Breakthrough is not only a place to turn your lifestyle around, it’s also a place where you can make friends, learn about other resources, enjoy a good laugh and also a quiet space.”

Morales loves the idea of giving “community support” to people trying to lose weight and become healthier because that’s something he wished he had on his journey.

Even though it’s a small space, Breakthrough does as much as it can to promote exercise and workout opportunities offered by others, he says. The store is full of inspirational quotes, the most

prominent being, “Change your mindset, change your life.”

Another message reads, “Have a mind that’s open to everything and attached to nothing.”

Five years ago, Morales and a business partner opened 8% Fit, a health supplement store, at 1793 Park St. Before opening that store, he says, he was a Subway sandwich stop manager and was so busy working 80 to 90 hours per week that he didn’t have time to sit down to a simple, healthful meal. Then a friend told him about Herbalife Nutrition shakes.

Emanuel says he tried them and lost more than 50 pounds in three months.

But the product isn’t necessarily about losing weight, he says. Some people use them to gain weight, maintain weight, boost energy or boost their immune system.

“Here I am five years later and still impacting the community on a daily basis,” he says. “Sometimes I feel like a therapist behind the bar. Everyday it’s something new.”

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3 men charged in string of robberies

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Three men were indicted in federal court Wednesday on charges in connection to a string of robberies at retail locations across the state, according to federal authorities.

Efrain Deleon, 58, and Gilberto Deleon, 56, both of New Britain, and Steven Galarza, 24, of Seymour, were each charged with eight counts of Hobbs Act Robbery and one count of conspiracy to commit Hobby Act Robbery, according to federal authorities. If convicted, the three face a maximum prison sentence of 20 years on each count.

The indictment alleges that fake firearms, designed to appear as real firearms, were used in eight robberies at convenience stores and smoke shops where cash, cigarettes and other items were stolen between late February and mid-March. According to federal authorities, locations included:

- Feb. 27: Scott’s Village Mobil Gas Station, 843 Farmington Avenue, Farmington
- March 2: Mystic Mobil Gas Station, 66 Whitehall Avenue,

Mystic

- March 3: Shell Gas Station, 168 Bridge Street, East Windsor
- March 3: Food Bag, 960 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike, Southington
- March 5: Valero Gas Station, 1 Main Street, Ellington
- March 5: Sunoco Gas Station, 446 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor
- March 8: Smoker’s Discount World, 636 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield
- March 16: Cove Smoke Market, located at 841 Cove Road, Stamford

All three were arrested April 19 on a federal criminal complaint from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. Both Efrain and Gilberto Deleon are still in detention, according to federal authorities.

Galarza was released on a \$50,000 bond.

The case is under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, state police and local police departments in Farmington, Stonington, East Windsor, Southington, Windsor, Wethersfield and Stamford, according to federal authorities.

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raid on a refugee camp in the city of Jenin.

Conflicting reports by witnesses, who said IDF forces shot her, and IDF officials, who denied it, has led to calls for a thorough investigation into Abu Akleh’s death, including a letter to President Joe Biden co-signed by Sens. Jon Ossoff and Mitt Romney. Multiple U.S. media investigations, including by The Washington Post and CNN, have concluded Abu Akleh, who was reportedly wearing a helmet and protective vest identifying her as press, was killed by targeted fire.

At the gathering, Saleh — who was born in Al-Bireh, a city in the West Bank, and now lives in Wallingford — will discuss not only Abu Akleh’s death but also the disruption of her May 13 burial service, which drew thousands of mourners.

“Well-armed police officers attacked her funeral procession, beating up people holding her coffin, who struggled to keep it upright,” Saleh said. “These things, there are no words that can describe that.”

The funeral violence sparked worldwide condemnation of the actions of Israeli police.

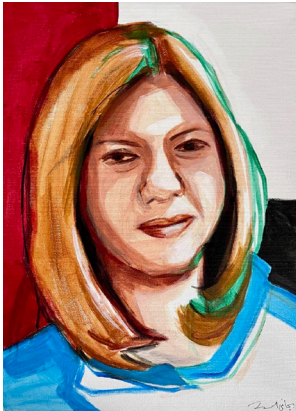
International bodies have demanded answers. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken both called for an independent investigation. Guterres released a statement that he “condemns all attacks and killings of journalists and stresses that journalists must never be the target of violence.”

At the memorial gathering, Saleh will unveil a portrait painted of Abu Akleh by artist Jacqueline Bejani.

Bejani’s mother was born in Haifa, Palestine, and was expelled with her family in 1948. Bejani was born in Lebanon and now lives in Luxembourg. She specializes in portraits of Palestinian artists, writers, journalists and intellectuals, “all of these people who create and help build a Palestinian identity,” she said.

She impulsively painted the portrait upon hearing of Abu Akleh’s death. “What they are trying to erase is an identity. I did it to show that we exist,” she said.

She called Abu Akleh “a courageous, extraordinary woman.



Portrait of slain Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by artist Jacqueline Bejani. JACQUELINE BEJANI / COURTESY PALESTINE MUSEUM US

artwork will be installed in the museum as a permanent memorial. It will join two other memorial installations at the gallery. The other memorials honor Rachel Corrie, a pro-Palestinian American activist who was crushed to death by an IDF bulldozer in 2003; and Rouzan al-Najjar, a Palestinian medic shot to death by an IDF soldier during Gaza border protests in 2018.

The memorial gathering is supported by Tree of Life Educational Fund, Jewish Voice for Peace New Haven, Greater New Haven Peace Council, Middle East Crisis Committee, American Muslims for Palestine Connecticut chapter, Mending Minyan of New Haven and Palestine Writes.

Shelly Altman, chairperson of Jewish Voice for Peace New Haven and a member of Mending Minyan, said his organizations focus on “observing Judaism separated from Zionism, the Israeli state.” The groups have been supporters of Palestine Museum US since its founding, and even have held Rosh Hashana services there. “We are always trying to model what the relationship should be between Jews and Palestinians,” Altman said.

After spending time in Israel years ago, Altman returned home determined to make a difference. “I as a Jewish person couldn’t come back without being active in trying to work against all the denial of human rights and silencing of Palestinian voices and narratives,” he said.

Of Abu Akleh, he said “Palestine is just grieving for her. I grieve for Palestine all the time. There is just this feeling of grief,” he said.

Palestine Museum US is at 1764 Litchfield Turnpike in Woodbridge. The event, from 3 to 5 p.m., is free. The museum will be open at 2 p.m., also free, for visitors to view exhibits first. Those who can’t attend can view the ceremony online. After the memorial, a Ben & Jerry’s truck will give free ice cream to all attendees. To register to attend in person or to stream it online, visit palestinemuseum.us/events.

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Bus driver says he didn't know snack had THC

Man faces charges after blacking out behind wheel

Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT — A commercial bus driver has been charged with 38 counts of reckless endangerment after blacking out behind the steering wheel while snacking on gummies he says he didn't know were infused with THC.

Jinhuan Chen appeared Tuesday in Bridgeport Superior Court after being arrested at his home in Boston.

Chen was driving 38 passengers from the Mohegan Sun casino on March 13 when he stopped the bus on the side of Interstate 95 in Stratford.

Police said they found Chen slumped unconscious in the driver's seat, next to an open package of Smokies Edibles Cannabis Infused Fruit Chews.

Toxicology tests showed Chen had a high level of THC, the active ingredient in cannabis, in his bloodstream, prosecutors said.

Chen told Judge Ndidi Moses on Tuesday that he had no idea he had been snacking on anything but regular candy.

"I didn't know it was marijuana," Chen said through a Chinese interpreter, according to Hearst Connecticut Media. "I didn't know."

Moses ordered Chen held in lieu of \$25,000 bond and set his next court date for Aug. 25.

Victor Chen, the manager of Go Go Sun Tour, the bus company, told Hearst that Jinhuan Chen had been driving for the Boston-based company for 10 years and has an exemplary record.

"He doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke, but he has a sweet tooth and likes candy," Victor Chen said. "This would never have happened a couple of years ago. but now there's marijuana everywhere here."

Driver, 22, dead after crashing into restaurant

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A 22-year-old died after crashing into a restaurant in New Haven on Tuesday evening, police said.

Wilmer Lopez of New Haven crashed into the side of Scarpellino's Restaurant on Forbes Avenue in New Haven. He was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital where he died, according to the New Haven Police Department.

Lopez was reportedly was also involved in two other crashes before hitting the restaurant and injuring one other driver, according to multiple media reports. After fleeing the scene of each of those crashes, he hit the restaurant.

The New Haven Police Crash Team responded to the scene and is investigating the crash.

New Haven police ask any witnesses to the crash to contact them at 203-946-6316.

Tractor-trailer overturns in Manchester

\$10,000 worth of vegetables spilled on Buckland Hills Drive

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A tractor-trailer carrying squash and zucchini overturned near the Walmart on Buckland Hills Drive in Manchester late Tuesday night, police said.

The driver lost control of the truck as it began to tilt while going around the curve near 345 Buckland Hills Drive, according to Manchester Lieutenant Ryan Shea. The truck then hit a curb and overturned on its passenger side. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

The driver was temporarily trapped in the overturned cab of the truck and sustained minor injuries, Shea said. They were transported to St. Francis Hospital.

The box truck was heavily damaged and some of the product spilled onto the road. The total loss is "estimated to be \$10,000 to \$12,000 worth of product," according to police. The truck was registered to Northern Valley Farms, Inc. of Granby.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection responded to the scene as well due to a fuel leak from the truck.

The road was closed during cleanup efforts and was back open for normal traffic Wednesday morning.

Ann Leary discusses new novel, Connecticut tour

Author talks about working with husband, actor and comedian Denis Leary

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Ann Leary's first book was "An Innocent, A Broad" in 2004 about the (mostly) comic travails she and her husband Denis Leary endured when a short trip to London ended up lasting five months, while Leary was pregnant with their first child.

Since then Leary has published five novels, which tend to be about family, small communities, interesting work opportunities and romance. Her 2012 bestseller, "The Good House," has been made into a movie starring Sigourney Weaver and Kevin Kline that will screen this month at the Tribeca Film Festival and in cinemas this fall.

Ann Leary's latest novel, "The Foundling" (Marysue Rucci Books, 2022), is the vivid, often alarming, tale of a young woman named Mary who works at the Nettleton State Village for Feebleminded Women of Childbearing Age in the 1920s. The asylum is fictional but based on one Leary's grandmother worked at. The novel is the result of years of research into mental health treatments in the early 20th century. The book also touches on racism and sexism in that era, and the controversial eugenics movement, whose goal was to eliminate undesirable genetic traits in the humans through selective breeding.

Ann Leary is signing and discussing "The Foundling" at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Mark Twain House in Hartford.

The Mark Twain House appearance will also feature Leary's husband, the creator and star of the TV series "Rescue Me," "Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll" and "The Job," who is also a noted comedian and movie actor.

The Courant spoke to Ann Leary, who recently moved to Westchester County in New York after living in Litchfield County for 20 years, about Connecticut, the dark side of the 1920s and how a book discussion with Denis Leary might go.

Do you and your husband have a plan for what you'll do at the Mark Twain House?

No! Denis tweeted the cutest thing: "For the first time ever I am able to interview Ann Leary." We haven't really talked about it. What can he ask me that he doesn't know? But Denis has always been the biggest fan of my books. This book, in particular, he loved the first draft. He has produced multiple series, and he's always seen this book becoming perhaps a limited series for television. I've decided my husband knows what he's doing, and I want him to produce this adaptation. So he's not only interviewing me because he knows the book, but he's also very much involved in the future of this book. Maybe we'll talk about that a little bit.

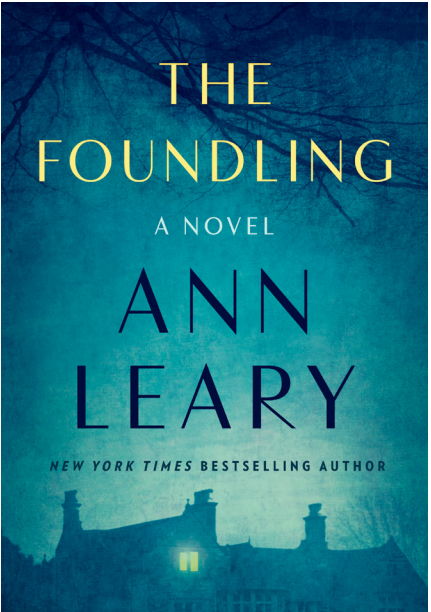
How long have you been together?

I met Denis in 1982. We've been living together ever since then. I moved to Boston in '82. I was at Bennington College for a few years, then I transferred to Emerson in Boston and I met Denis, who was teaching this comedy writing workshop. I took the class and it was really fun. Denis was 25, I was 20. When the semester was over, we went out and had a beer. We started kind



Novelist Ann Leary will talk about her new novel "The Foundling" at four different places in Connecticut this month, including the Mark Twain House.

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Ann Leary's new novel "The Foundling," set in an asylum for women in the 1920s. MARYSUE RUCCI BOOKS

of seeing each other and then one night he stayed over and he never left.

"The Foundling" is new territory for you. You've done multi-generational novels but not a historical novel.

I really enjoyed it, actually, because I've always loved research and history, especially American history, and my favorite era has always been the 1920s. I'd always thought of it as this decadent, flapper, devil-may-care Zelda Fitzgerald time. I thought it was when restrictions on women were loosened and morals were loosened, and they were. If you were wealthy in the 1920s and you were a woman, you get drunk even though there was prohibition. You could have sex outside of marriage. If you were not rich, doing those exact same behaviors made you a menace to society and you would likely be institutionalized. It [was] very much a class thing.

You write a lot about subcultures, including a work culture in this one.

The book is a novel, it's actually fiction

though it's loosely based on my grandmother. "The Foundling" is about two young women who grew up in the same orphanage in Scranton, Pennsylvania and met up years later at a different kind of institution. Mary was a secretary to the very charismatic female doctor who ran the place, and Lilian was what they called one of the inmates, who was confined there against her will. It turns out that it was a eugenics asylum, where the purpose was to confine women of child-bearing age from having children because they were "feeble-minded." In those days, "feeble-minded" was not a slur, it was a clinical term.

I found there also women in these asylums who were, and again this is the clinical term, degenerate women. They were "morally feeble-minded." They were bad girls or — and I found this very dismaying — they might be a 13-year-old who accused her stepfather of molesting her or a woman whose husband was sick of her, and in those days it was hard to get a divorce. You could easily end up in an asylum like this, and the "of child-bearing age" part of it is actually more offensive than the "feeble-minded" part of the title because if you went there, if you were 12 or 25, didn't matter, you didn't get to leave until you were in menopause. You weren't sent there to get schooling, to get help, you were sent there to prevent you from having children.

You use words like "dullwitted" and "befuddled" and other offensive words, but they come out of the characters.

That was a real challenge. By the time I came down to writing it, it was just this jargon I was used to. So yeah, a doctor, head of a world-renowned institution for supposed intellectual disabilities, could refer to how many idiots they had versus imbeciles or morons. Also, the racism is so overt. There were no dog whistles. I was shocked by the newspaper headlines, the words used. The horrible racism, anti-semitism, the outright sexism of that time was shocking.

So then when I was writing, getting early feedback, especially from young editorial assistants saying, "This isn't OK. Why isn't Mary fighting it? Why didn't she leave?" I realized I needed an author's note at the beginning of the book because people seemed to think from the early drafts that the eugenics movement was a hate group, and it wasn't. It was the law, an ideology of race held by everyone from Theodore Roosevelt to Winston Churchill to George Bernard Shaw, Alexander Graham Bell, Margaret Sanger. Many people embraced eugenics. So I had to write that into the narrative, and it was hard because I wanted people to not hate Mary. I didn't want to make her a woman of today because women in those days weren't as they are today. They didn't have the full rights of citizens. They had the right to vote in the 1920s, but very few of the other rights men had like this.

I did love writing this book. I hope people can put it in context with the time. I really can't stand anachronistic writing. I had to make the characters be people of that time, and then within those confines somehow enact change if they were able.

Christopher Arnott can be reached at carnott@courant.com.

State sues over trash bags marketed for recycling

Attorney General Tong says Reynolds products cannot themselves be recycled

Associated Press

Connecticut has filed a lawsuit accusing Reynolds Consumer Products of illegally marketing trash bags as recycling bags, even though the bags themselves cannot be recycled.

The Hefty brand bags are advertised by the company as "perfect for all your recycling needs" and "designed to handle all types of recyclables."

But Attorney General William Tong said the bags themselves cannot go into the state's single-stream recycling system and accused the company of false and

deceptive marketing practices in violation of the state's Unfair Trade Practices Act.

"Hefty Recycling Bags are not recyclable, and any recyclable items inside them are tossed on the trash heap," Tong said. "But you would never know that based on Reynolds' false advertisements. Reynolds deceived Connecticut families and undermined our state's recycling systems."

The lawsuit, filed in state Superior Court Tuesday, seeks unspecified monetary damages, including profits from bag sales and attorneys' fees, as well as an order that would prevent further deception, Tong said.

Phone call and emails to Reynolds Consumer Products seeking comment were not returned Tuesday afternoon.



State Attorney General William Tong. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT



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ESTATE OF HENRY G. SCHMITTBERGER, late of East Haddam (22-00155)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region # 14 Probate Court, by decree dated June 13, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Debra C. Daniels, Chief Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Robert L. Grider (22-00376)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated June 10, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION
Town of Old Saybrook
Zoning Board of Appeals

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 75-86, effective May 8, 1975, notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals has rendered decisions on the following appeals heard at their Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2022. This decision has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Old Saybrook Town Hall.

21/22-28 Marie & LeAnn Kalita seek a variance of Par 10.8.3 (non-conforming lot/no changes allow/changes proposed); Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% allowed/23.9% proposed); Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/25' required/14.7' proposed) and Par 24.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/8.9' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 1,428 s.f. house and a 24 s.f. addition to existing garage at 6 Sea Breeze Road, Map 3/Lot 159, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone.
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Located at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 16th day of June, 2022
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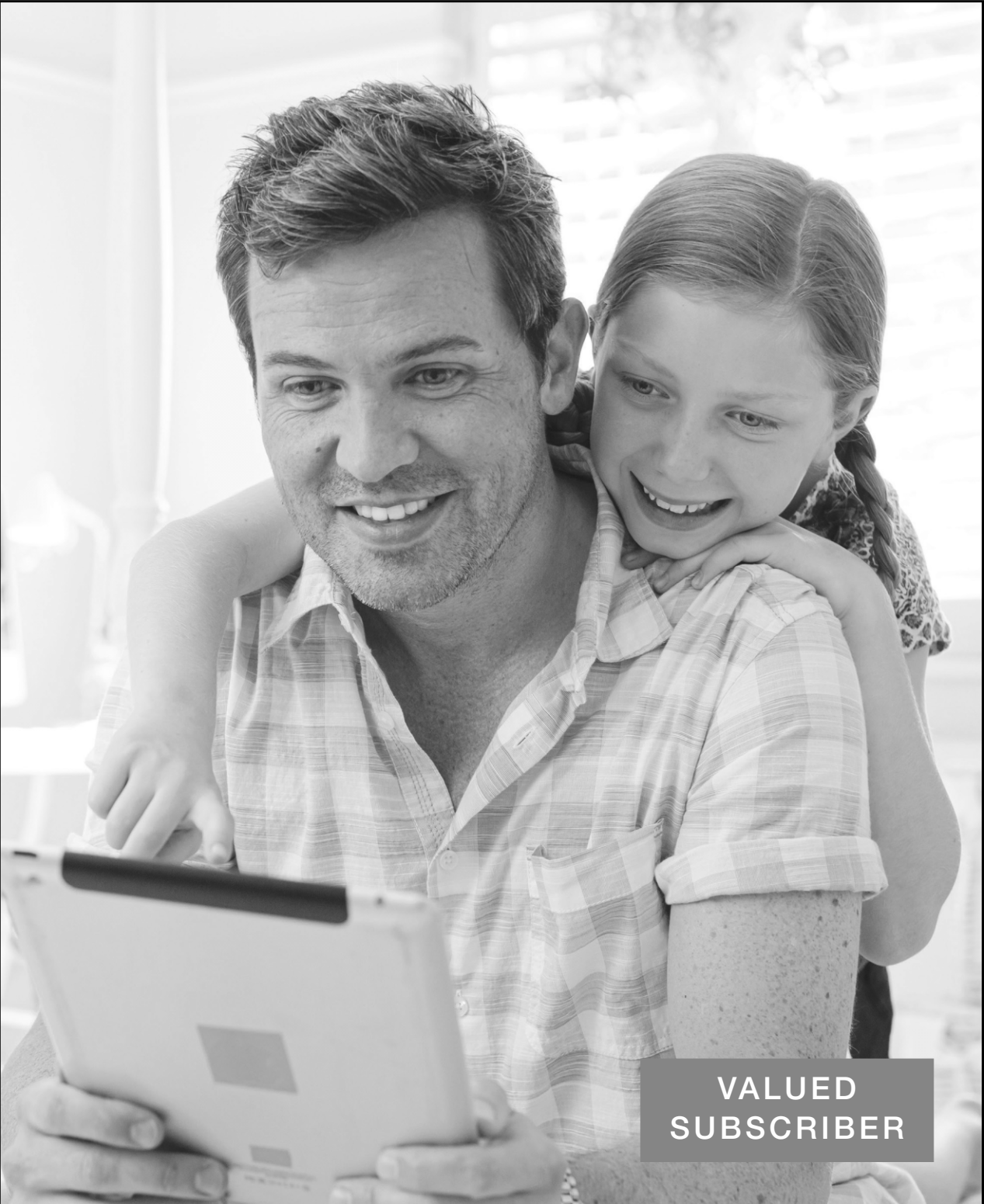
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From one gene, many deaths

Black Americans are disproportionately affected by kidney disease, and there’s a genetic factor to blame

By **Gina Kolata**
The New York Times

In a Zoom call this spring with 19 leaders of AME Zion church congregations in North Carolina, Dr. Opeyemi Olabisi, a kidney specialist at Duke University, asked a personal question: How many of you know someone — a friend, a relative, a family member — who has had kidney disease?

The anguished replies tumbled out from the assembled pastors:
■ A childhood friend died, leaving a daughter behind.
■ A father and sister felled by the disease.
■ Uncles and sons lost.
■ Three cousins and a brother-in-law on dialysis.

None of this surprised Olabisi, who disclosed that he, too, had lost family members to the disease. His best friend, who had taught him to ride a bike in his native Nigeria, died of kidney failure in his early 30s.

Kidney specialists have long known that Black Americans are disproportionately affected by kidney disease. Although Black people make up about 12% of the U.S. population, they account for 35% of Americans with kidney failure. Black patients tend to contract kidney disease at younger ages, and damage to their organs often progresses faster.

Social disparities and systemic racism contribute to this burden, but there is also a genetic factor. Many with sub-Saharan ancestry have a copy of a variant of the gene APOL1 inherited from each parent, which puts them at high risk. Researchers have known for a decade that APOL1 is one of the most powerful genes underlying a common human disease.

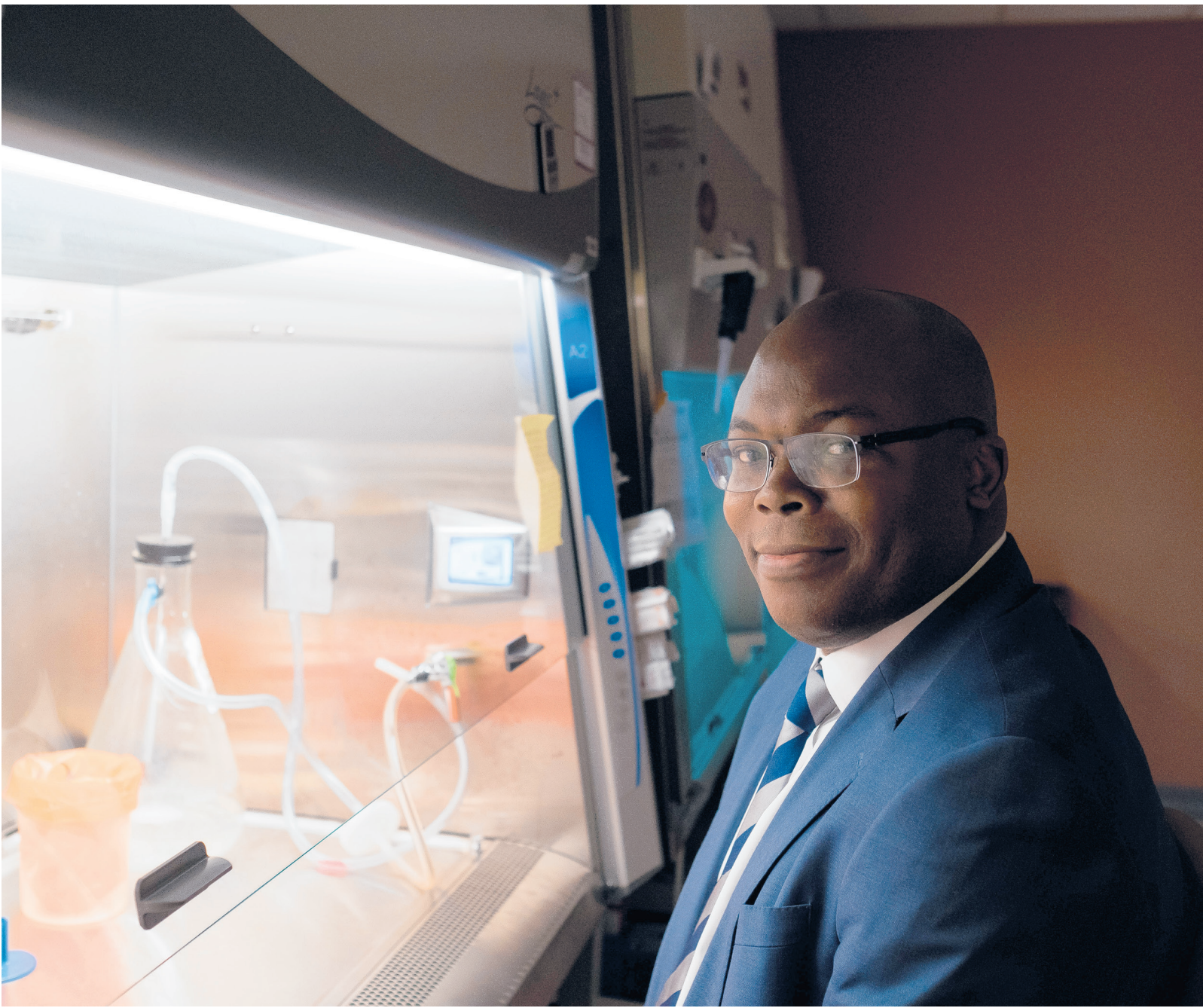
But there is hope now that much of this suffering can be alleviated. As many as 10 companies are working on drugs to target the APOL1 variants. And Olabisi has a federal grant to test whether baricitinib, a drug that treats rheumatoid arthritis, can help kidney patients with the variants.

Yet the promise of treatments comes with difficult questions. Should genetic testing be offered and, if so, to whom? Although the variants increase risk, they do not preordain kidney disease. If someone knows that they have the variants, will they live in fear of kidney failure?

Farmer provides a clue

Although it has long been known that kidney failure occurs in African Americans five times as often as it does in white Americans, “We had never been able to understand all the reasons,” said Dr. Neil Powe, a professor of medicine and an epidemiologist at the University of California, San Francisco.

Researchers began looking for a genetic cause. Finally, a little more than a decade ago, a Harvard team led by Giulio Genovese, Dr. David Friedman and Dr. Martin Pollak found it: variants of APOL1 that ramped up the gene’s activity.



Dr. Opeyemi Olabisi is a kidney specialist at Duke University’s Molecular Physiology Institute in Durham, N.C. **CORNELL WATSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES**



The twin brothers Malcolm, left, and Martin Lewis, who both have lupus, in New York on March 6. Their kidney disease may be caused by a gene, not lupus, which is an autoimmune disease that attacks the body’s tissues and organs. **AMIR HAMJA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

It was a complete surprise. APOL1 is part of the immune system and can destroy trypanosomes — protozoa that can cause illnesses. But no one expected it to have anything to do with the kidneys.

It turns out that the variants rose to a high frequency among people in sub-Saharan Africa because they offer powerful protection against deadly African sleeping sickness, a disease caused by trypanosomes.

It is reminiscent of another gene variant that protects against malaria but causes sickle cell disease in those who inherit two copies. That variant became prominent in parts of Africa and other areas of the world where malaria is common, but sickle cell variants are much less common than

APOL1 risk variants.

About 39% of Black Americans have one copy of the gene’s risk variants; another 13%, or nearly 5.5 million, have two copies. Those with two copies are at increased risk for fast progressing kidney disease that often starts in young adulthood. Approximately 15% to 20% of those with two copies develop kidney disease.

In contrast, 77% of Americans with African ancestry have one copy of the sickle cell variant, and 0.3% have two copies.

“What nature gave with one hand, it took away with the other,” Olabisi said.

One way to treat kidney disease might be using medicines that block the gene and its variants from acting in the body. But

researchers had to find out if APOL1 was necessary for kidney function. If it was, drugs that blocked it might do more harm than good.

Researchers found an answer: A farmer in India had no APOL1 gene. His kidneys were totally healthy.

Often, in drug development, Friedman said, the drug dose has to be fine-tuned — too much is dangerous and too little is useless. The discovery of the farmer, he said, “tells you you can probably drive the level of the APOL1 protein very low.”

But ethical issues have tempered some experts’ enthusiasm about the genetic discoveries.

Harriet Washington, a lecturer in ethics at Colum-

bia University and author of the book “Medical Apartheid,” worries that knowledge of the role of APOL1 variants can drive the medical establishment toward “a blame-the-victim approach signaling an inherent flaw in African Americans.”

The implication, she said: “This is something happening in nature, so what can we do about it?” Such an attitude, she added, “invites futility and absolves health care from treating sufferers.”

From a gene to drugs

While Olabisi is waiting to start his study, a drug company, Vertex, has forged ahead with its own research. But there was no agreement on how APOL1 variants caused kidney disease, so it was not clear what a drug was supposed to block.

“If you don’t understand the mechanism, that means you can’t measure effects in a lab,” said Dr. David Altshuler, chief scientific officer at Vertex. “And if you can’t measure effects in the lab, that means you can’t correct them.”

It was known how the APOL1 protein protected against sleeping sickness — it punched holes in the disease-causing trypanosomes, making them swell with fluid and burst. Vertex researchers hypothesized that the variants spurred APOL1 proteins to punch holes not just in trypanosomes but also in kidney cells.

What followed was years of work in lab studies and in animals given genes for human APOL1 variants and then screening about

1 million compounds that might block APOL1.

Finally, the researchers settled on a drug that worked in animal models.

Vertex tested the experimental drug in a 13-week study in patients with advanced kidney disease. The drug reduced the amount of protein in their urine by 47.6%, a sign of improved kidney function.

Recently, the company announced it would take the next step — a clinical trial that would enroll approximately 66 patients in the first phase, to find the best dose, and 400 in the next phase, to see if the drug could improve kidney functions in patients with the risk variants and kidney damage and protect them from developing kidney failure or dying.

Using their pulpits

At the meeting with the pastors in North Carolina, Olabisi said he hoped to test 5,000 Black members of the community for kidney disease with a simple urine test and to use a saliva test to detect APOL1 variants. Testing of the arthritis drug would follow.

“I’m in,” said the Rev. Daran Mitchell, pastor of Trinity AME Zion Church in Greensboro.

He and the other pastors were enthusiastic. It would be a community effort and promoted on social media. Subjects could be tested in churches or in community centers or in their homes. And it was a way to advance the day when a treatment would be available.

Olabisi smiled. “This gives me energy and a lot of hope,” he said.

Study shows increase risk of melanoma with fish consumption

HealthDay News

You’ve added fish to your diet to eat healthy, but now a new study delivers some bad news: Fish lovers may have a slightly increased risk of melanoma.

Researchers followed over 490,000 older Americans and found the 20% with the highest intake had about a one-quarter higher risk of developing the disease over 15 years, versus the 20% with the lowest fish consumption.

Still, experts stressed the findings show only a correlation, and cannot pin the blame squarely on seafood.

An oncology dietitian who was not involved with the study emphasized the “bigger picture.”

In general, fish is a healthy protein source, often rich in anti-inflammatory omega-3 fatty acids, said Amy Bragagnini, of Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Because of its benefits — including links to better heart and brain health — experts generally recommend people strive for two 4-ounce servings of fish per week, noted Bragagnini, who is also a spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Fish can be a “great alternative,” she said, for people looking to limit red and processed meats — which are tied to higher risks of certain cancers, including colon and rectal cancers.

So why would fish be linked to melanoma, a disease most closely related to risk factors like sunburns and family history?

It’s not clear, said lead researcher Eunyoung Cho. But one hypothesis is that it’s the contaminants — like mercury and PCBs — that can exist at relatively high levels in some fish.

Past research has linked mercury exposure to a higher risks of melanoma and other skin cancers, noted Cho, an associate

professor at Brown University’s Warren Alpert Medical School, in Providence, Rhode Island.

However, she said, the contaminant theory is just that. “This is the first study to show this association,” Cho said. “We need more research to replicate these findings before we can make any dietary recommendations.”

The findings were published in the journal Cancer Causes and Control.



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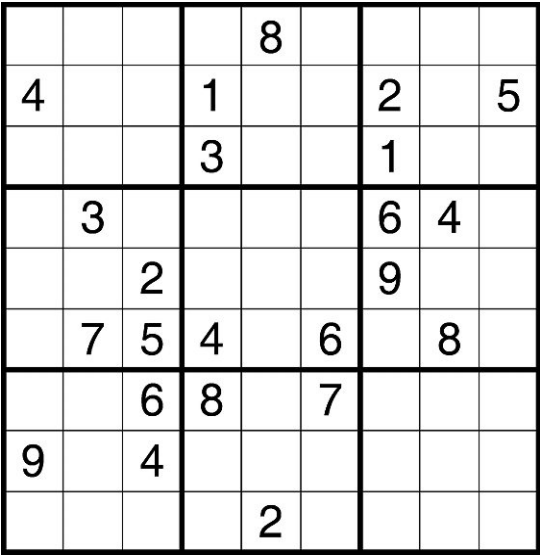
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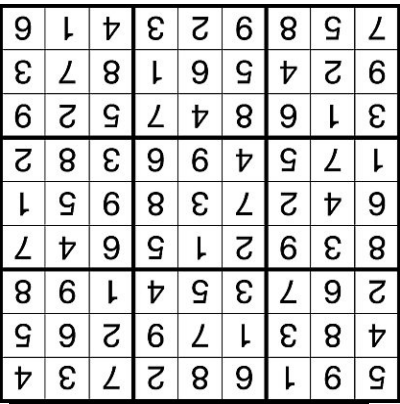
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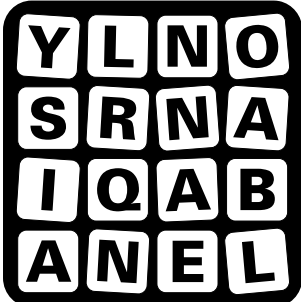


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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: STEPHEN KING WORKS

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



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BLACK HOUSE
BLAZE
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DOCTOR SLEEP
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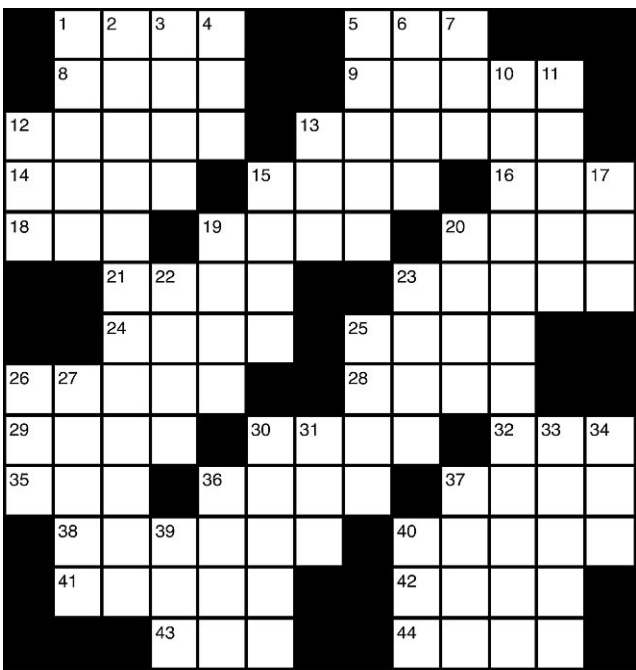
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- 5 Donaldson or Waterston
- 8 After-bath wraparound
- 9 Patton __; Daryl Mitchell's character
- 12 "They Call Me Mr. __!"; Sidney Poitier film
- 13 __ Knows Best"
- 14 Printer owner's purchases
- 15 Crazy
- 16 __ Vegas"
- 18 __ out a living; get by
- 19 "Spenser: For __"; Robert Ulrich series
- 20 Oka of "Hawaii Five-0"
- 21 Carla's portrayal on "Cheers"
- 23 Yearned
- 24 Actress Deborah
- 25 Ricky Ricardo's portrayal
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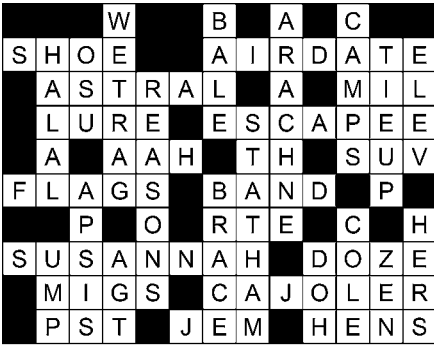
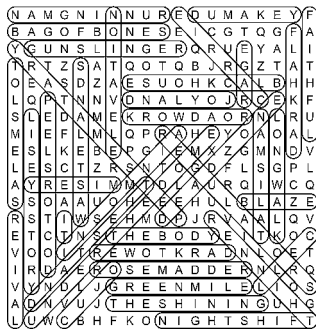
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- 37 Actress Kathryn
- 38 "Last __ Hero"; Schwarzenegger film
- 40 "Mad __ You"
- 41 Lewis or Belafonte
- 42 Boxer's feet
- 43 __ person; apiece
- 44 Tim Daly's sister
- 1 Beverage
- 2 Actor on "NCIS: New Orleans"
- 3 Flows back
- 4 Jazz guitarist Montgomery
- 5 "Lost in __"
- 6 Singing voice
- 7 __-jogg; popular tile game
- 10 "America's Got Talent" judge
- 11 Clear the slate
- 12 Even score
- 13 "Grounded __ Life"
- 15 Dishonest one
- 17 __ Caesar
- 19 His and __; matching items for Dad & Mom
- 20 "Driving __ Daisy"; Jessica Tandy movie
- 22 "From __ to Eternity"; Burt Lancaster film
- 23 Soccer great
- 25 Ruby and Sandra
- 26 Ms. Lupino
- 27 Celebrations
- 30 Hymn-singing group
- 31 "The Adventures of __ Tin Tin"
- 33 Mistreatment
- 34 "How I __ Your Mother"
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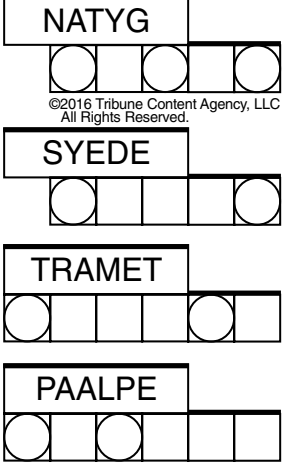


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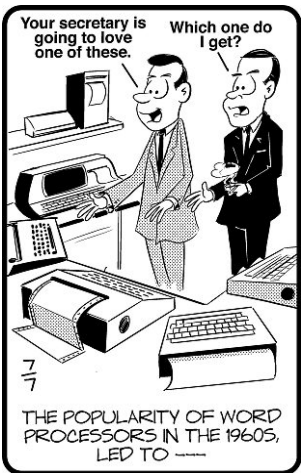
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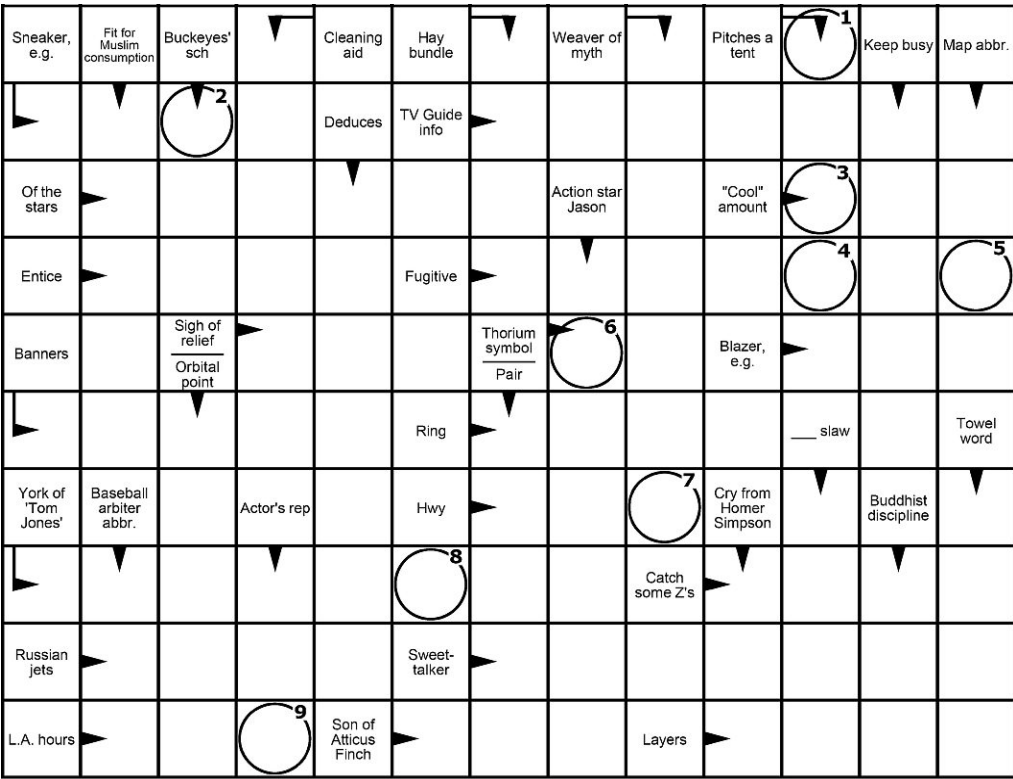
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

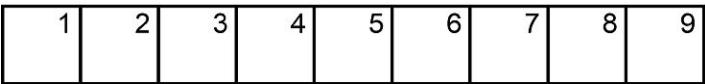
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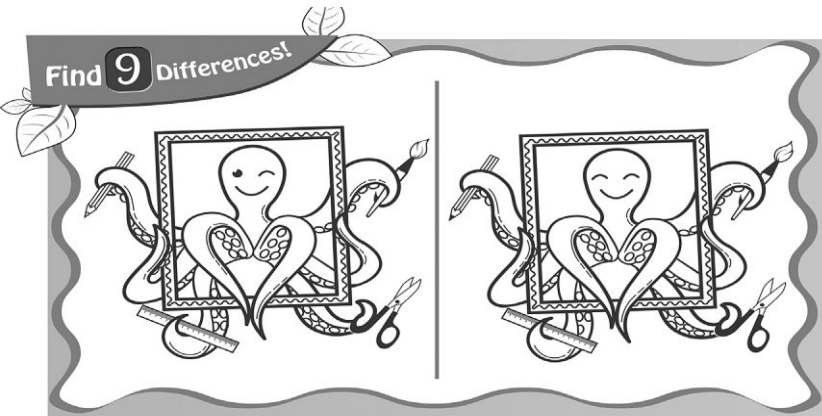
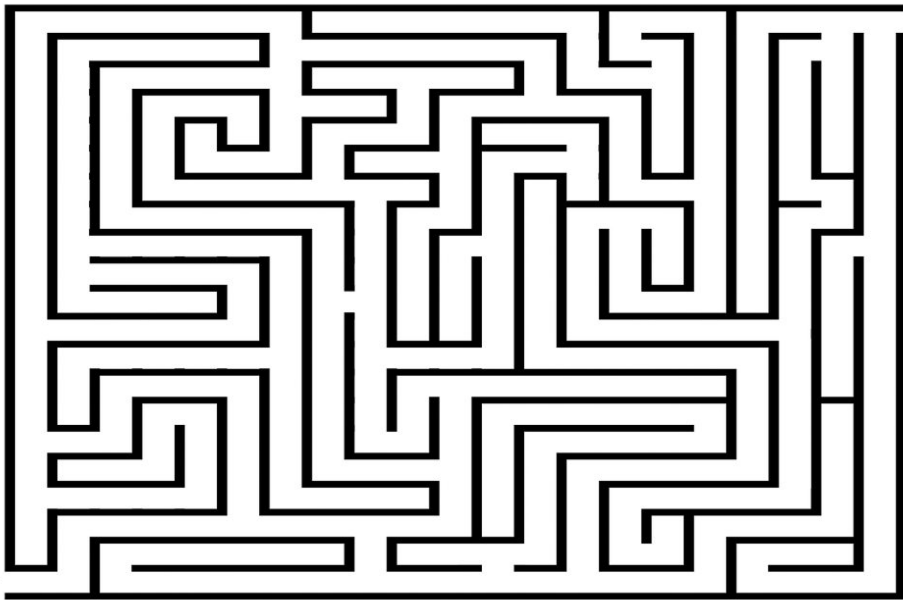


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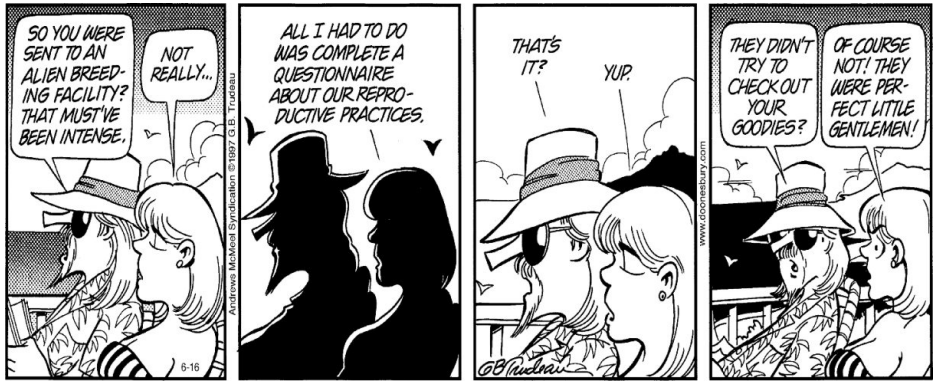
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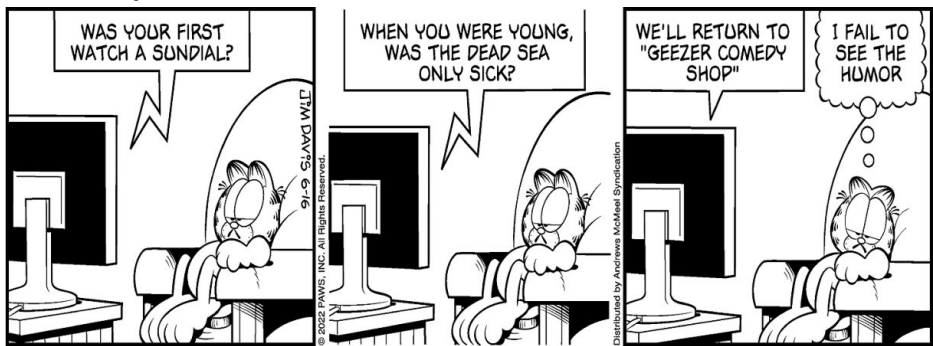
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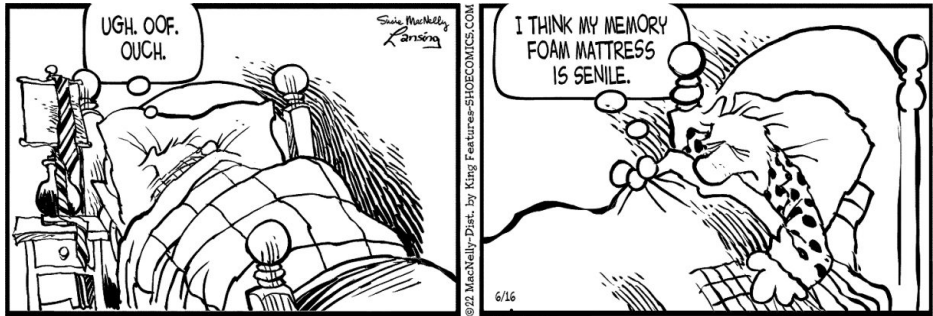
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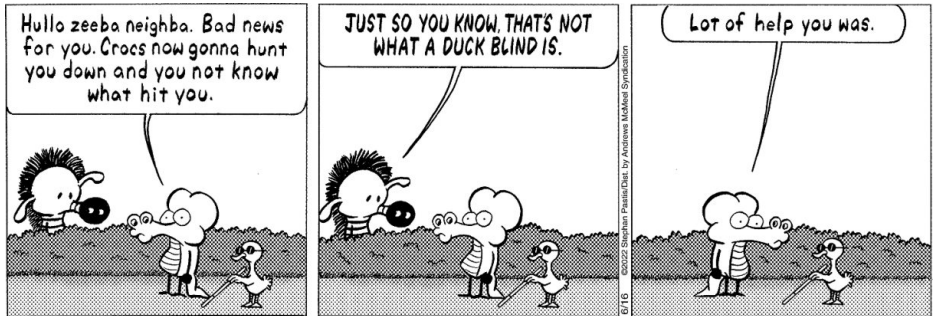
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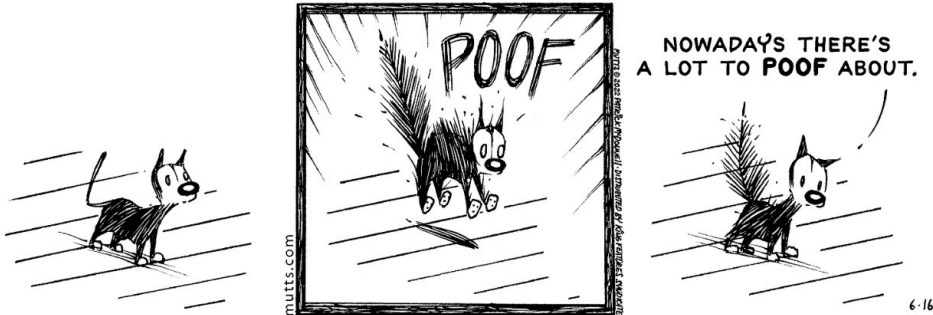
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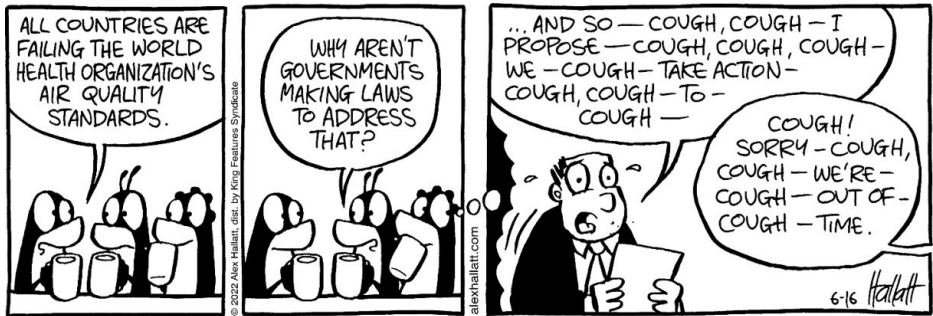
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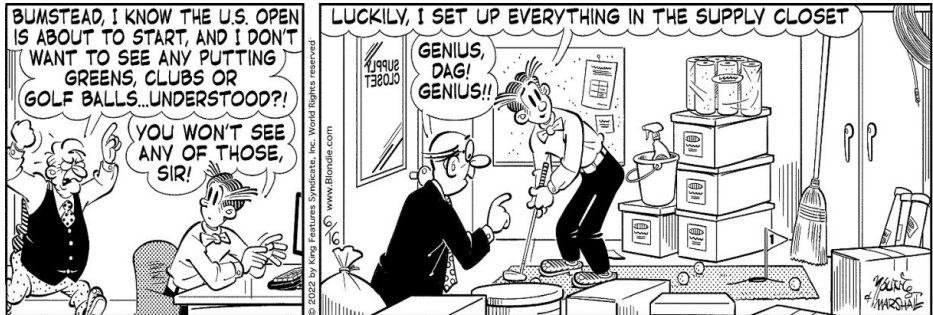
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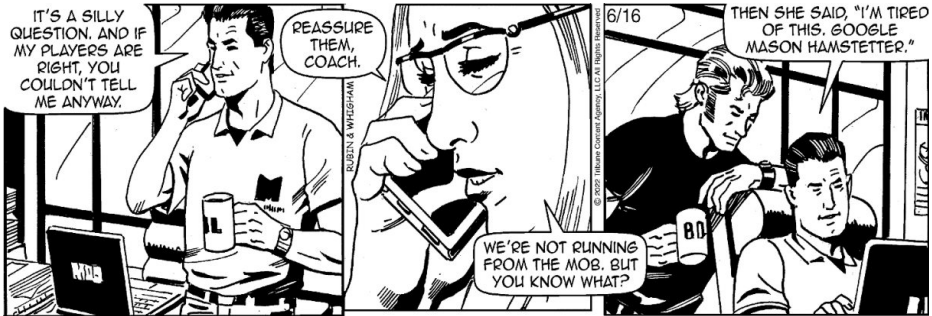
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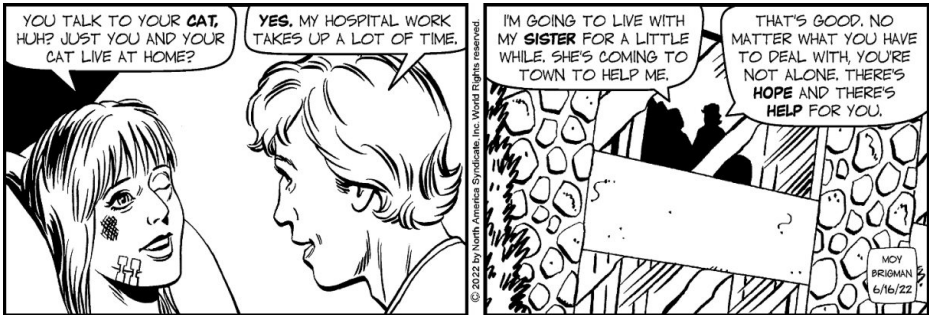
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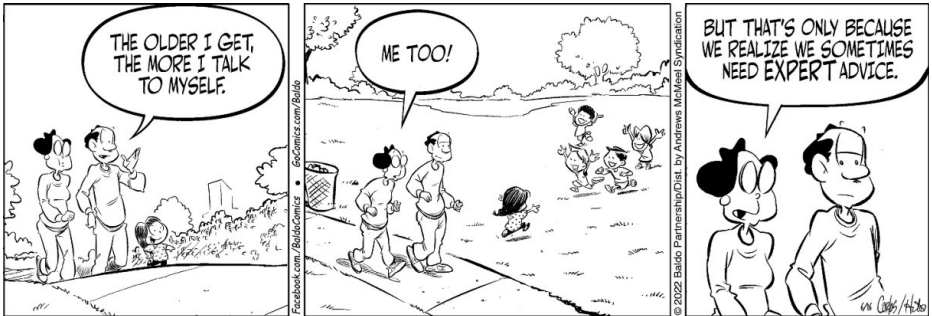
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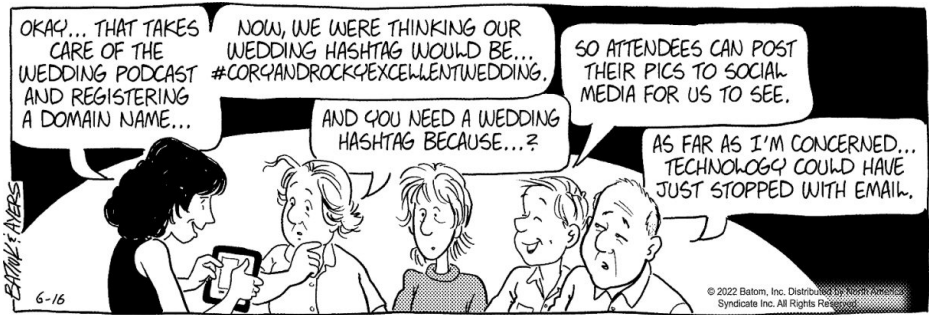
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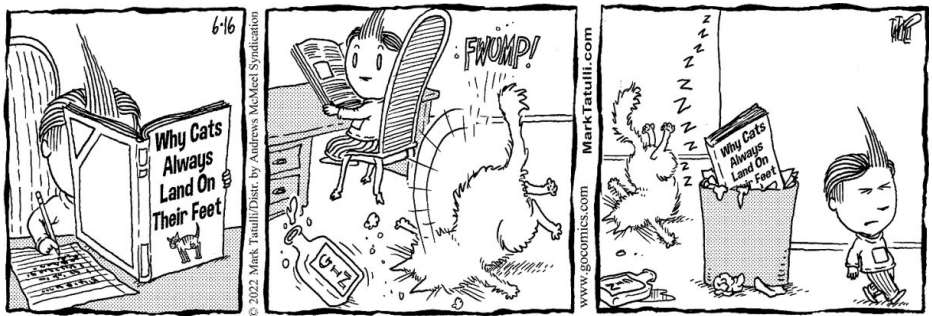
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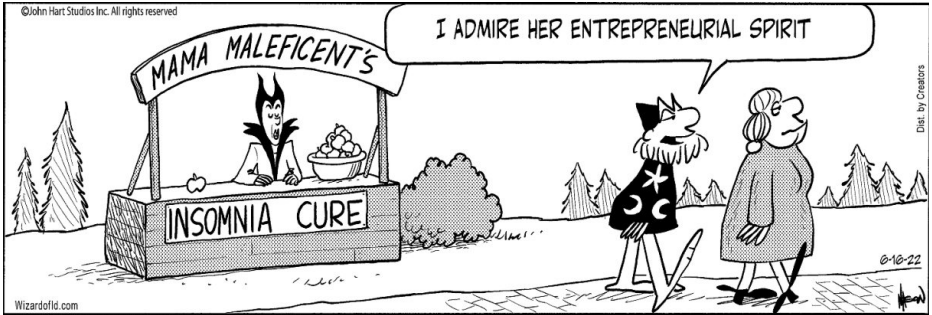
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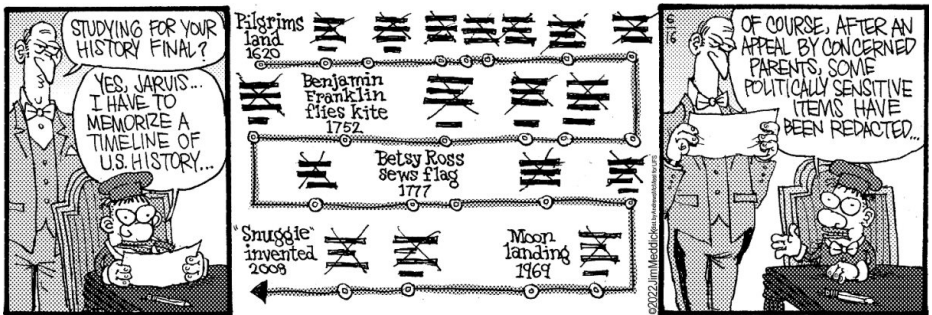
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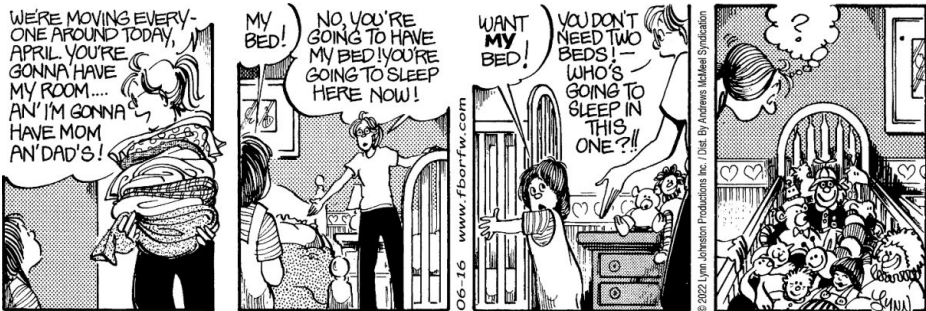
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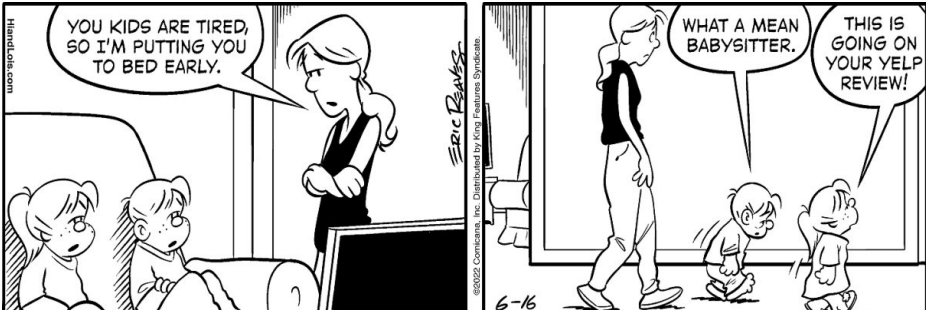
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CROSSWORD

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Across

- 1 Fountain output
- 6 Basics
- 10 Cause a scene
- 15 Join forces
- 16 Bring (out)
- 17 Old Scottish landholder
- 18 *Supply on a gift wrap station
- 20 Cancels
- 21 As suggested by
- 22 Cratchit boy
- 24 Drink that may cause brain freeze
- 25 Go by
- 27 *Messaging app
- 29 Verne captain
- 30 "Lion" Oscar nominee Patel
- 33 Zesty Twirls maker
- 34 Constellation near Ursa Minor
- 36 Chicago suburb
- 39 *Some Enchanted Evening" musical
- 43 Mato _ : third-largest state of Brazil
- 44 Flower holders
- 47 First name in mysteries
- 51 GPS heading
- 53 Congeal
- 54 *Second game of a double-header
- 57 Stick (to)
- 59 "Thanks for explaining"
- 60 Barbecue spot
- 63 The way things are usually done, for short
- 64 Learned league?

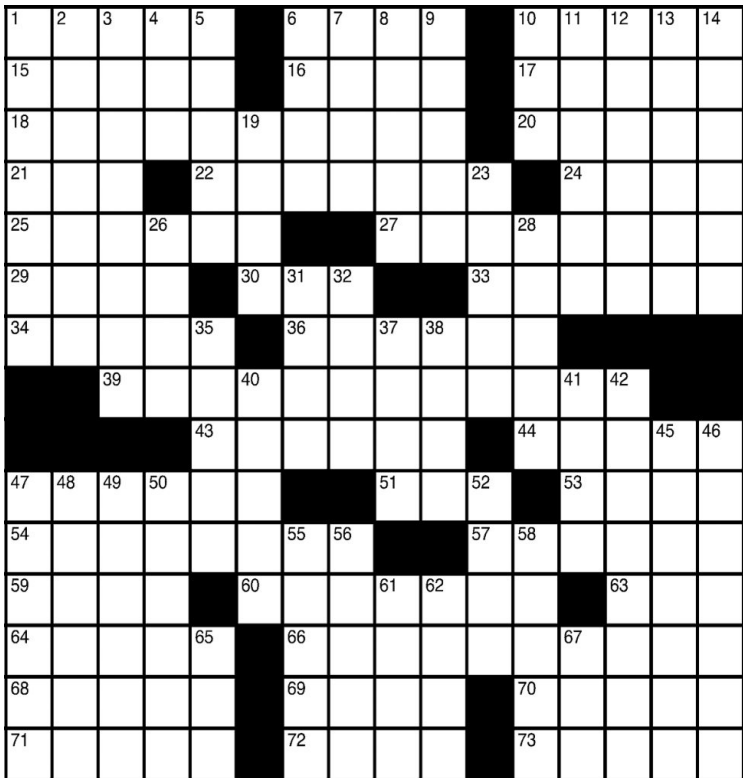
- 66 Difficult time, or what is hidden in each of the answers to the starred clues?
- 68 Wood used in guitar-making
- 69 Beachy vacation spot
- 70 Minimal amount
- 71 Paper for a pad
- 72 Examined
- 73 Sports

Down

- 1 Hang
- 2 "The Lorax" voice role for Ed Helms
- 3 Grade school exhibits
- 4 NFL passing stat
- 5 Splinter groups
- 6 Env. directive
- 7 Sound like an ass
- 8 Egyptian Christians

- 9 Biergarten vessel
- 10 Off-rd. rig
- 11 First-class
- 12 "Meditation in motion" discipline
- 13 Like zombies
- 14 Coin replaced by the euro
- 19 Made haste
- 23 Haka dancers of New Zealand
- 26 A bit, in music
- 28 Faculty figs.
- 31 Amazon gadget
- 32 Celebs given the red-carpet treatment
- 35 Should, with "to"
- 37 Word in many Encyclopaedia Brown titles
- 38 MBA course
- 40 Piece of land
- 41 Hankering

- 42 Keyboard instruments that sound like glockenspiels
- 45 "Casablanca" setting
- 46 Composer
- 47 Twisted balloon shape, often
- 48 Supermodel
- 49 Board meeting outline
- 50 Dissertations
- 52 Per item
- 55 American Eagle Outfitters loungewear brand
- 56 Unlike poetry
- 58 Pool statistic
- 61 Wear the crown
- 62 Like some dried meats
- 65 "___ you decent?"
- 67 Coach
- Parseghian



By Robert Wernischner and Mark McClain Tribune Content Agency 6/16/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A Q 10
- ♥ A J 9
- ♦ 10 7 5
- ♣ A K J 5

WEST

- ♠ J 8 7 6 4 3 2
- ♥ 5
- ♦ 9 8 3
- ♣ 8 4

EAST

- ♠ —
- ♥ 8 4 2
- ♦ A K Q J 6 2
- ♣ 10 7 6 3

SOUTH

- ♠ K 9 5
- ♥ K Q 10 7 6 3
- ♦ 4
- ♣ Q 9 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	3 ♦	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Asleep at the switch

The cuebid of an opponent's suit theoretically shows either a void or the ace of that suit, but there are times when the cuebid is used to show a big hand even when the bidder does not have the suit under control. Here is an example of such a case.

North had too good a hand for a simple raise to game after South had freely bid three hearts. The outlook was certainly slamish — North had 19 high-card points — but he had no idea what his partner had in diamonds. He therefore cuebid diamonds to alert South to the possibility of a slam.

But since South had minimum values for his previous bid, he signed off with four hearts. Still not satisfied, North made another try, this time by cuebidding spades. South could now no longer ignore his partner's persistently strong bidding, so he bid four notrump (Blackwood) and continued on to six hearts after North

showed three aces. All this fine bidding came to naught, however, when South bungled the play. West led the nine of diamonds, and South followed low from dummy.

This proved to be fatal when East played the deuce on the nine, an obvious request for West to shift to another suit.

Looking at seven spades in his own hand and three in dummy, West had no problem finding a spade shift, and East ruffed to put the slam down one. Had declarer covered the diamond nine with the ten, he would have made the slam.

Actually, after South bid six hearts, East should have made a Lightner double to ask for an unusual opening lead, in which case West's virtually automatic spade lead would have sealed South's fate beyond recall.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words:

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DBUYD

SCIMOA

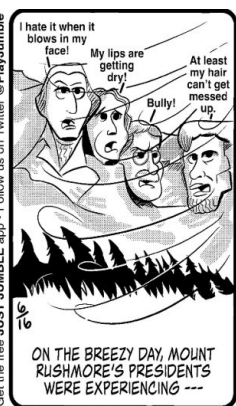
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Print your answer here:

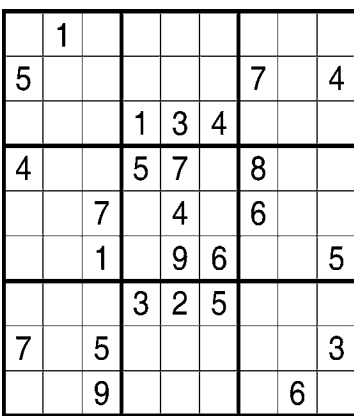
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Jumbles: PARKA HOIST TRUSTY INNING

Answer: When the ghost offered to buy drinks for all the other ghosts, they said — THAT'S THE SPIRIT

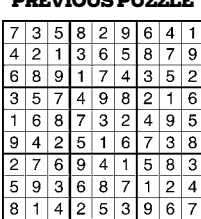


TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurley goes all-in on fitness craze

Huskies coach focuses on just that in first session of workouts; likes what he sees in Clingan, Hawkins

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Dan Hurley is taking a new approach to the start of this year's summer workout program. The UConn coach has learned from

the mistakes of last year and he's decided to make the first session about one thing: Fitness.

Last season Hurley felt too much was thrown at the players at the start.

"I think we felt last summer we might've pushed a little too hard in [the first session]," he said. "Maybe late in the year [we didn't have] the life to finish the season the way we wanted.

"Our approach has been more, get where you want to be physically with the strength coach. Let's

work on individual skills. Work in player development in Summer One. In Summer Two we will push more of the team thing."

A slower approach may be even more important this year because of the many new faces. Hurley spoke with media members on Wednesday about the first session of workouts that runs through the end of June. The second session begins on July 1. Here are the biggest takeaways:

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UConn's Jordan Hawkins reacts in the second half of a game against Georgetown on Jan. 25 in Storrs. JESSICA HILL/AP

WNBA SUN 105, DREAM 92

Williams dominant in win over Atlanta

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — The Connecticut Sun gave away Courtney Williams trading cards to fans inside Mohegan Sun Arena on Wednesday as the Eastern Conference leaders defeated the Atlanta Dream 105-92.

Williams went on to have her best game of the season against her former team — one that allowed her to sit through the fourth quarter with a towel wrapped around her neck, only standing up every time her teammates impressed her.

She tied her season high in points (18) before the half-way point of the third quarter and surpassed it with a long two-pointer from the wing with 4 minutes, 52 seconds on the clock in the same period.

Williams also grabbed her 1,000th career rebound in the third quarter and finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and two assists.

Her backcourtmate, Natisha Hiedeman, also set a season high with 18 points when she hit a midrange jumper to end the third quarter.

Jonquel Jones added 15 points — her eighth game with that many or more this season — nine rebounds and two blocks.

Hiedeman and Williams had eight and seven, respectively, in the first five minutes of action, helping the Sun to pull away early. Later in the period a 10-0 run pushed the lead to 27-14 with just over two minutes left.

Bench points to start the second quarter, including a 3-pointer from Nia Clouden and two from DiJonai Carrington, maintained a 15-point lead for the Sun. Working within their system, the Sun shot 66.7% from 3-point range in the first half with help from 17 team

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Sun sign Jazmine Jones to replace Yvonne Anderson.
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GOLF U.S. OPEN



Boston's sports fans are widely known for expressing themselves clearly and often without filters, as the Golden State Warriors have found out during the NBA Finals (right). What's in store for Dustin Johnson (above) and Phil Mickelson as the U.S. Open gets under way Thursday at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts? Time will tell. ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

WICKED RUDE

LIV XIV ready for a traditional Boston welcome as U.S. Open gets underway

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BROOKLINE, Mass. — Every loudmouth from Yarmouth and Masshole from Athol has descended on The Country Club this week, when 14 golfers in the U.S. Open field will face the American public for the first time since defecting to an upstart, Saudi Arabian-backed tour.

The injection of genuine international intrigue is expected to energize the legendarily obnoxious Boston sports fan and make the staid, secretive enclave look more like a Sam Adams commercial casting call.

Guys named Sully and Fitz lined the fairways and greens at the 140-year-old club during the prac-

U.S. Open at a glance

Site: Brookline, Massachusetts.
Course: The Country Club. Yardage: 7,264. Par: 70.
Television: Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (USA Network), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (NBC), 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (USA Network); Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (USA Network), 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. (NBC); Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. (NBC); Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. (NBC).
Defending champion: Jon Rahm.

tice rounds, ready to greet their least favorite golfers with the same reception their ancestors gave the Redcoats at Lexington and Concord. "It's going to be loud, and it's going to be a lot of fun," said

defending U.S. Open champion John Rahm, who has stuck with the PGA Tour and eschewed the bigger, guaranteed paydays offered by LIV Golf.

"There hasn't been a U.S. Open here in a very long time, so they're hungry for it, and you can tell," Rahm said. "It almost feels like with what's going on in the world of golf, they almost want to show their presence even more. I don't know exactly what to expect, but I'm really looking forward to it."

More tentative was Phil Mickelson, a six-time major champion who is the biggest name among the LIV XIV. He said in February that Saudi regime funding the new tour had some "scary (expletive)" but still took a reported \$200 million to play on it.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

One of the most popular players in the world, Mickelson said on Monday that he was unsure if his supporters would abandon him.

Just in case, he buttered up the locals like a Parker House roll.

"The Boston crowds are some of the best in sports," Mickelson said during a 25-minute media session after arriving in this Boston suburb from last week's LIV event outside of London.

"I think that their excitement and energy is what creates such a great atmosphere," he said. "So whether it's positive or negative towards me directly, I think it's going to provide an incredible atmosphere to hold this championship."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Historic Army-Navy game coming to Gillette Stadium in 2023 season

By Karen Guregian
Boston Herald

BOSTON — It's official. One of college football's most storied rivalries is headed to Foxborough in 2023.

The annual Army-Navy Game, a showcase event for more than 100 years, will be played at Gillette Stadium next year, it was announced Wednesday.

"In New England, we value history, honor tradition, and

celebrate sports rivalries," New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft said in the release. "That's why we are so thrilled for the opportunity to host America's Game at Gillette Stadium in 2023. There is no greater, more historical sports rivalry than the Army Navy Game.

"It's a nationally-televised, signature game that we have all grown up watching. It will be our

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The Yankees' Isiah Kiner-Falefa runs during the eighth inning of a game against the Cubs on Saturday in New York. ADAM HUNGER/AP

YANKEES

Kiner-Falefa is coming up clutch: 'That's why I'm here'

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Isiah Kiner-Falefa may not have been the big-name shortstop that Yankees fans clamored for last winter. But he may be exactly the shortstop that the Yankees need to make that World Series run though.

While he doesn't have the power of Carlos Correa or Corey Seager, Kiner-Falefa has been an impactful player for the Yankees this season. Tuesday night, Kiner-Falefa had the single that drove in the only two runs the Yankees would score in the 2-0 win over the Rays at the

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Stadium. And he made the defensive plays to help make those two runs stand up.

"That's just when I have the most fun," Kiner-Falefa said of the impactful, clutch plays. "I like being in those spots. When the team needs me most, I enjoy coming through. It makes me

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FLAVOR

LIVING

Culinary dynamo

Rising food star Eitan Bernath leans into the world of comfort food

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a kid, Eitan Bernath didn't collect baseball cards, comic books or coins like his peers did. He collected kitchen tools. "My fondest memories from my life are always around food," he says.

Mind you, that life is still young. Bernath is just 20, but he's managed to harness his love of cooking to become a social media influencer and TV personality. This spring, he's released his first cookbook, "Eitan Eats the World," published by Clarkson Potter.

The book contains 85 comfort food recipes from across the globe, from a Sweet & Smoky Guac Burger to Turkish Red Lentil Soup and a Kurdish Shamburak or a Israeli-Style Sesame Schnitzel.

"Knowledge is power and knowledge is so important," Bernath says. "The more you learn about the world around you, the better you can be an informed and kind citizen for the world."

Bernath is part of a wave of young food stars who got their springboard from social media, in his case a strong TikTok following. He has 350 million people viewing his content in 150-plus countries, and has a production and entertainment company that employs six people.

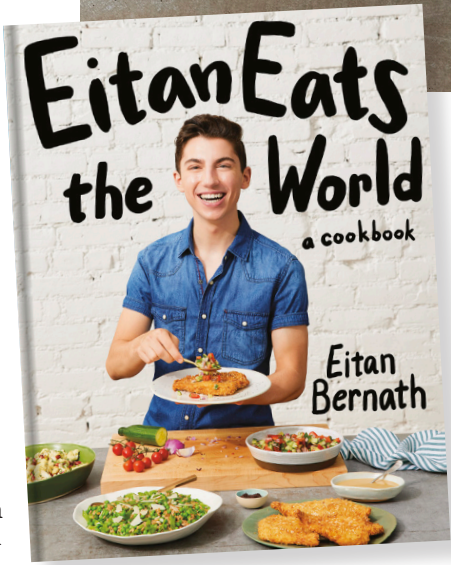
He made his first TV appearance on Food Network's "Chopped" at age 11 — also appearing on "Guy's Grocery Games" with restaurateur Guy Fieri a few years later — and started creating content when he was 12. He viewed it as a job, monetizing his blog after his third post.

"I was excited about doing it before anyone was watching," he says. "I was truly just as excited when I was getting 100 views when I was 12 to now and I'm getting millions."

He is the principal culinary contributor for "The Drew Barrymore Show" and was recently named to the Forbes list of "30 Under 30" for Food and Drink.

Raised in Teaneck, New Jersey, Bernath says both his parents were educators, and they used food as a vehicle to teach him and

Israeli-style sesame schnitzel is featured in the new cookbook "Eitan Eats the World," by social media influencer and TV personality Eitan Bernath. MARK WEINBERG/CLARKSON POTTER



you." The recipes in "Eitan Eats the World" take readers from the Middle East to Spain, from Italy to India. Bernath makes sure he gives each cuisine credit and is "appreciative, not appropriative." "I take the perspective of, I'm a learner who's sharing with my followers what I've learned. Of course, I am no expert

on Indian cuisine or on Mexican cuisine or Italian cuisine, because I'm not Mexican, Italian or Indian, but I am someone who loves to learn about them."

Growing up, he could often be found in his room glued to culinary documentaries, carefully watching elders in India, Mexico or

Italy cook, and filling his notebooks.

Then he'd get into his kitchen and try to re-create what he watched.

To get the book ready, he also turned to the internet. But he found he had to be extra creative because it is hard to create something that no one else has done.

"A lot of times as a recipe developer, you come up with an idea and think, 'Oh, this sounds so good! I love this idea.' And then I will go Google and I wonder if anyone has done that yet, and I would say 99.9% of the time the answer is yes, someone's done it."

Hence, Bernath came up with some startling combos hiding in plain sight, like Bruschetta Avocado Toast, which is the melding of two favorite bread toppings.

"It's just like pairing where I'm like, 'Why have I not

done this a million times?' It's delicious."

Lightning struck twice when Bernath took the classic tuna melt and elevated it by giving it a French croque monsieur treatment. The traditional ham of the latter is replaced by tuna, and a Mornay sauce is added. This one he calls "sinfully delicious."

Bernath is an evangelist about food and says there are many more career paths in food than most people realize. He also pushes back against some who sniff that he needs to work in a restaurant to call himself a chef.

"I think a chef is someone who earns money cooking, who works in the kitchen," he says. "I think at the end of the day, whatever you want to call what I do, whether chef or not, the world is changing."

ISRAELI-STYLE SESAME SCHNITZEL WITH HERBY TOMATO CUCUMBER SALAD

Makes: 4 servings

For the salad:

1 English cucumber, chopped
2 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
½ cup chopped red onion
1 garlic clove, chopped
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the sesame schnitzel:

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
¾ cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 large eggs
¾ cup panko bread crumbs
¾ cup plain bread crumbs
2 tablespoons white sesame seeds
Vegetable oil, for frying
Ground sumac, for sprinkling
Well-stirred tahini and lemon wedges, for serving

1. Make the salad: In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients, adding salt and pepper to taste. Set aside until ready to serve.

2. Make the schnitzel: Place one of the chicken breasts into a large plastic bag. Pound with flat side of meat mallet or rolling pin to ¼-inch thickness. Remove flattened chicken breast from the bag, set aside and repeat with the remaining breasts.

3. Combine flour, salt and pepper in a wide bowl. In a separate wide bowl, lightly beat the eggs. In a third wide bowl, mix both panko and plain bread crumbs, and the sesame seeds. Working with one chicken breast at a time, dredge it in flour so that it is lightly coated all over; tap off any excess. Dip coated breast into beaten eggs, letting the extra drip off, then carefully place it in bowl with the bread crumbs and press until thoroughly coated on both sides. Set the chicken on a sheet pan and repeat with the remaining breasts.

4. In a large cast-iron skillet or nonstick pan, heat ½-inch of vegetable oil to 350 degrees over medium heat. Line a sheet pan with paper towels and set it nearby. Working in batches to not crowd the skillet, carefully place chicken breasts in the skillet, dropping the chicken, one at a time, away from you to avoid any oil splatters, and fry until golden brown on both sides, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer the cooked chicken to the lined sheet pan and repeat with the remaining chicken. Season to taste with salt and sumac.

5. Place one schnitzel on each plate and add some of the salad on the side. Drizzle tahini over the top and serve with lemon wedges.

Elote salad puts season's fresh corn to good use

By Gretchen McKay
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In my kitchen, the arrival of June often coincides with corn showing up at my neighborhood grocery store.

It's not local — we have to wait until mid-July for our wonderful Pennsylvania sweet corn to arrive at farmers markets — but it's fine, a taste of all the summer goodness to come. We eat a lot on the cob, of

course, with lots of salt and butter. Simple pleasures! But for the last few years, like so many others, we've also been on an elote kick. If you're not familiar, I'm speaking of the Mexican street corn that comes

slathered with spicy Mexican crema and crumbled Cotija cheese. It's cheesy, salty, creamy and a little bit fiery all at the same time, thanks to the addition of chiles, garlic and mayo. This recipe captures

all the same great flavors but in salad form. It can be served warm or cold, as a side dish or as a vegetarian filling for tacos. One bite, and you'll crave it all summer long. I'm pretty liberal with

the paprika because I love the smokiness it adds. Same with the cilantro and jalapeño, which, if you're not a fan, you can reduce or leave out altogether.

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Ricotta is the star in easy pasta dish

By **Melissa Clark**
The New York Times

One of the tastiest things I ate this year was still-warm ricotta, just off the fire, at a farm in Sicily. I scooped some of the white, wobbly mass onto my plate, seasoned it with coarse salt and used a spoon to catch every drop, restraining myself from licking the plate. That ethereal ricotta also appeared in the next course as a pasta topping. It was mixed with some starchy cooking water to create a brothy, creamy sauce that was enriched with olive oil, seasoned with Parmesan and garnished with a mound of wild herbs just plucked from the garden. Meals like this are impossible to replicate: a sublime vacation moment that can't be transferred back to everyday life. But that doesn't mean I can't make a soupy pasta with fresh ricotta and lots of herbs, and enjoy it at home.

One thing I won't be able to do, though, is use still-warm ricotta straight from a farm. But tubs of milky fresh ricotta are available at my local supermarket, and those get the job done beautifully.

This is one of those extremely simple recipes with only a few ingredients and not much by way of technique, so it's worth your while to seek out the good stuff here — it should say “fresh” on the label and will probably be more expensive than standard ricotta. If you cook this with lackluster ricotta and indifferent olive oil, you probably won't be very impressed with the result. But if you use the milkiest, silkiest ricotta you can get and break out an olive oil with personality and zip, you'll end up with a memorable dinner that's so easy it practically makes itself. Also, don't stint on the herbs; try to use at least three kinds for the most



Topped with milky ricotta, loads of herbs and bracing black pepper, this easy weeknight dish is a vacation in a bowl. **RYAN LIEBE/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**



complex result. Soft herbs with floppy leaves — parsley, basil, cilantro, mint, dill, chives, fennel fronds, lovage, even celery leaves — work well and won't leave you chewing on twiggy

stems. But if you want to use thyme, rosemary or marjoram in addition, you can do so in small amounts (make sure to pick the leaves off their branches first).

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Finally, shower everything with loads of coarsely ground black pepper. It's a bracing last touch, and a spicy contrast to all the sweet, supple flavors already in your bowl.

CREAMY PASTA WITH RICOTTA AND HERBS

Total time: 20 minutes
Makes: 4 servings
Salt
1 pound short pasta, such as shells, cavatappi, chioccioline, farfalle, ditali or wagon wheels
12 ounces fresh, whole-milk ricotta (about 1 ½ cups)
¾ cup freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for serving
1 tablespoon coarsely ground black pepper, plus more for serving
2 ½ cups coarsely chopped soft herbs, such as basil, chives, fennel fronds, parsley, mint, tarragon, chervil or dill (try for a combination of at least 3 kinds)

- 1. Bring** a large pot of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook until al dente, according to package instructions. Reserve 2 cups pasta cooking water, then drain the pasta.
- 2. In same pot, make sauce:** Add ricotta, Parmesan, olive oil, pepper and a large pinch or two of salt, and stir until well combined.
- 3. Add** 1 cup pasta water to the sauce and stir until smooth. Add the pasta and herbs, and continue to stir vigorously until the noodles are well coated. Add more pasta water as needed for a smooth, soupy sauce. Taste and add more salt if needed.
- 4. To serve,** spoon the pasta into bowls and finish with more Parmesan, olive oil and pepper.



Elote, or Mexican street corn, is made savory with feta, mayonnaise and a sprinkle of smoked paprika. If you don't have a corn stripper, remove the kernels from the cob in a bowl using a sharp paring knife. **GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE**

Elote

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ELOTE SALAD

Makes: 4 servings
4 ears fresh corn, husked and cut off the cob (about 4 cups)
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 garlic clove, very finely minced
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
4 scallions, chopped
½ cup crumbled feta or Cotija cheese
Handful fresh cilantro, chopped (about ¼ cup)
1 jalapeño, seeded and finely diced
1 teaspoon smoked paprika, plus more for dusting
Salt and pepper
1. In large nonstick skillet, warm oil until it is shimmering. Add corn kernels and stir fry until corn is crispy throughout, about 5–6 minutes. Set aside while you prepare the dressing.
2. In a large bowl, combine the mayonnaise, garlic and lime juice. Stir in scallions, feta and cilantro and mix well, then add warm corn. Slice the kernels off the corn and add to the bowl along with the scallions. Stir to coat, then add the cheese, cilantro, jalapeño and smoked paprika.
3. Stir to combine, then season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve right away for a warm dish, garnished with a dusting of paprika, or refrigerate until ready to serve.

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Vineyard’s comeback 200 years in the making

Proprietor is determined to restore the respect Clos de la Perrière once enjoyed

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

FIXIN, France — More than 200 years ago, the early French wine authority André Jullien, in his book “Topography of All Known Vineyards,” cited the Clos de la Perrière as being among the top vineyards in all of Burgundy.

He ranked the vineyard, in this small village near the northern end of the Côte d’Or, the heart of Burgundy, in hallowed territory alongside Chambertin and Musigny, illustrious names still murmured reverentially today and among the most prized and coveted of all wines.

His praise was echoed in 1855 by Jules Lavalle, a botanist and authority on Burgundy’s vineyards, in his seminal work “History and Statistics of the Vine and of the Great Wines of the Côte d’Or.” Lavalle, if he does not place Clos de la Perrière in his highest echelon of vineyards, holds it among the best with other esteemed names like Bonnes Mares and Grands Échézeaux.

Yet today, Clos de la Perrière’s exalted past is largely forgotten and its owner, Domaine Joliet, is little known. The wines of Fixin are often lost in the shadow of Gevrey-Chambertin, the vineyard’s renowned neighbor to the south, to which it is often considered a rustic cousin, as Jasper Morris put it in the most recent edition of his book “Inside Burgundy.”

The current proprietor of Clos de la Perrière, Benigne Joliet, intends to change that perception. He believes the wines of Fixin are generally underestimated. He is proud of Clos de la Perrière, and is determined to restore at least a measure of the

respect it once earned, even if modern perceptions are against him.

When the Joliet family acquired the vineyard in 1853 it had already been the source of great grapes for seven centuries. Cistercian monks first identified the site, on roughly 12.5 acres on a rocky, southeast-facing slope, as a distinctive vineyard early in the 12th century. They built a stone wall around it, creating a clos, or enclosed vineyard, using rock from a nearby quarry. It was called Clos de la Perrière.

For the next 500 years, until 1622, monks managed the vineyard and made wine in a cellar under a stately stone manor, which they also began to construct in the 12th century.

It then passed through several owners until the Joliet family bought the property, along with the house, Manoir de la Perrière, and the airy, barrel-vaulted cellar, complete with an imposing medieval wine press. Benigne Joliet is the sixth generation to run the estate. His daughter, Camille, a student at McGill University in Montreal, is in line to be the seventh.

Benigne Joliet grew up in the manor and has always lived there, moving from the north wing to the south, he said, when he took over the property.

Walking among the rows, which rise up the slope to the edge of a forest, I could almost feel a vibrancy, a liveliness to the vines. To the east, the vineyard looks out over steeples rising from clusters of buildings in the valley. In the center of the vineyard stands a statue of the Virgin Mary.

Unlike most Burgundian vineyards, which are divided among numerous owners working side by side, the Clos de la Perrière is a “monopole,” owned



Benigne Joliet, the sixth generation of his family to serve as proprietor of Clos de la Perrière, at the vineyard May 23 in Fixin, France. His daughter, Camille, is in line to be the seventh. MICHEL JOLY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

entirely by the Joliet family.

Joliet has made many improvements in the roughly 20 years since he took over from his father, Philippe. The vineyard is now farmed organically, and he intends to stop tilling the soil in an effort to build its microbial life. He has delayed pruning the vines, which he used to begin each year on Feb. 1, to combat spring frosts, which have taken a terrible toll in Burgundy in the era of climate change.

Because the weather warms earlier in the year nowadays, the vines begin to bud sooner, leaving them vulnerable to frost, which can kill tender buds.

“Killer frosts were once in a career for my father and grandfather,” said Joliet, a slightly rumped but affable and open-minded man. “For myself, it’s been six out of the last 10 years.”

These steps may not be enough to regain the vineyard’s once vaunted reputation, but the wines are certainly getting better and better.

When the government created a system of official French appellations, beginning in 1936, the vineyards of Burgundy were ranked according to a hierarchy indicating a vineyard’s potential to produce wines of a distinctive character.

At the base of the pyramid were regional vineyards capable of producing reds or whites that represented the general attributes of Burgundy, but not the nuances of more specific places.

A leap above the regional wines were the village vineyards, those able to express the characteristics of specific villages — Gevrey-Chambertin, Volnay or Meursault, for example.

Next were the premier crus, particularly good vineyards that not only expressed the traits of the village but added their own distinguishing attributes. At the top were the grand crus, the glorious few in which the distinctive character of the vineyards transcended all other categories.

These grand crus are the most expensive. Most of those vineyards judged in the 19th century to be peers of Clos de la Perrière, like Musigny, Bonnes Mares and Chambertin, received grand cru status, but not Clos de la Perrière, which the authorities deemed a premier cru.

For his part, Joliet says he is glad not to have the grand cru appellation.

“My grandfather didn’t want it,” he said. “He felt the wine would be too expensive. And if it had been grand cru, it would not have stayed a monopole.”

In Burgundy, land is taxed according to its value, and grand cru vineyards are considerably more valuable than premier crus. This is particularly important at inheritance, when taxes can be so high that the next generation may be compelled to sell off part or all of a vineyard in order to pay the bill.

Earlier this century, Joliet said, he bought out relatives who shared ownership in the property to continue to do things his way. Had the vineyard been a grand cru, he said, he would not have been able to afford to do that.

What makes the vineyard so distinctive?

“People may not believe it,” Joliet said, “but when you are here you can feel the energy. It was created for its energy and the diversity of the terroirs.”

Maple chicken skewers evoke Asia’s street vendors

By Christopher Kimball
For Associated Press

Street vendors across East Asia scrunch small pieces of meat onto skewers and baste them over hot coals with a sweet and savory sauce. Amid the sizzle and aromatic puffs of smoke, the sauce thickens to a luscious glaze and — importantly — the meat cooks up fast.

This combination of speed and bold flavor has always appealed to us at Milk Street.

But for weeknight skewers, we exchange the open-air grill for the easy, controlled heat of a broiler.

The near-direct heat chars the peaks of the skewered meat, and the valleys catch little pools of caramelizing sauce.

These savory-sweet chicken skewers from our book “COOKish,” which limits recipes to just six ingredients without sacrificing flavor, are loosely based on Japanese yakitori.

We layer on the flavors: first as a quick marinade for the chicken, then as a basting sauce, and finally as a finishing sauce. The final coating helps sesame seeds or scallions — or both — adhere to the chicken.

Maple syrup may not be traditional, but it punches up the flavor of the glaze with more complexity than traditional sugar without



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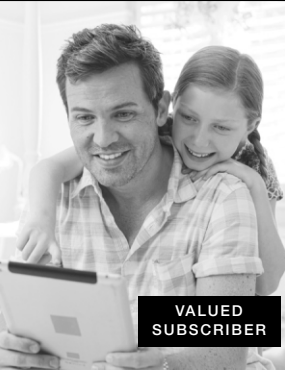
additional ingredients. And the heat of freshly grated ginger helps to balance the sugars in the soy sauce glaze. Serve with rice and a

crunchy slaw or make into a sandwich or wrap with shredded vegetables and a smear of mayonnaise. For easy cleanup, line the baking sheet with foil.

MAPLE AND SOY-GLAZED CHICKEN SKEWERS

Total time: 40 minutes
Makes: 4 servings
½ cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon finely grated fresh ginger or 3 medium garlic cloves, finely grated or both
2 tablespoons neutral oil
¼ cup maple syrup
1 ½ teaspoons sherry vinegar or cider vinegar
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, halved lengthwise
Sesame seeds, toasted or thinly sliced scallions or both

Stir together the soy, ginger and oil. In another bowl, combine 3 tablespoons of that with the maple syrup and vinegar. Toss the chicken with the remaining soy mixture. Heat the broiler with a rack 4 inches from the element. Scrunch the chicken onto metal skewers, then set on a rimmed baking sheet. Broil until well browned, about 12 minutes, flipping once. Brush lightly with the soy-maple mixture, then broil until lightly charred, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Brush with remaining soy-maple mixture, then sprinkle with sesame seeds.



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A picnic spread, clockwise from bottom left: white bean salad with roasted cauliflower; caprese-style marinated mozzarella with cherry tomatoes and olives; open-faced cucumber-ricotta sandwiches; and sardines on buttered brown bread. It's the collecting of the food and the anticipation of serving it that make picnics a special event. **KATE SEARS/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

The *ultimate* picnic spread

By David Tanis
The New York Times

Imagine a painting of a pastoral scene on a fair summer day, a splendid feast laid out, fine carpets for lounging and guests nibbling on carefully transported morsels — a proverbial picnic in the grass, with dogs and children at the edges.

That's one kind of picnic, but there are so many ways to picnic. Even the simple gesture of moving dinner outdoors on a balmy evening can feel picnicy, which is to say, nice.

That picnics are movable feasts adds to the experience. It's the collecting and wrapping of the food, the carrying of the meal to a particular place and the anticipation of serving it that make picnics a kind of special event, be it a leisurely trip to the beach, an hourslong tailgate or a buffet lunch in a lush garden.

If I have to lug the basket, I want it to be filled with things I like. Sandwiches are my favorite picnic food, so I offer a couple of them here. I've had a thing for sardines out of the tin since I was a kid, but now I want them served atop thinly sliced dense, dark rye bread, generously spread with good butter, sprinkled with sea salt and black pepper, a few arugula sprigs and a tiny squeeze of lemon, no more. Some would add a little Dijon mustard, but not me. Take all the ingredients to the picnic site and build the sandwiches there, or pack them to go.

A simple and refreshing combination of a spicy, herbed cucumber salad and creamy ricotta, served on halved ciabatta rolls, is another option. Aside from good cucumbers, there are just two requirements: freshly baked bread, with a crisp crust and tender crumb, and the best ricotta you can find, preferably basket ricotta. (You could also use natural cream cheese or queso fresco.)

Next, I want a couple of substantial salads that are always nice to have on hand, picnic or not. For that, I packed white beans tossed with oven-charred cauliflower and a zesty vinaigrette, flecked with celery hearts and ground fennel, and cherry tomatoes and olives dressed with olive oil, a little oregano, vinegar, garlic and chile flakes, and spooned over slices of fresh mozzarella.

Dessert at a picnic is always wanted, expected and deserved. Anything cookie-like is a sure bet, especially if you'll be crossing rough terrain, and pecan shortbread is my current favorite — crumbly, salty and buttery, with a touch of cardamom. Augment, if you wish, with a bowl of cherries, nectarines and peaches. And ice cream, if you're clever enough to keep it frozen in your travels.

Then, wash it all down with a summery red hibiscus punch. Known in Mexico as *agua de Jamaica* and throughout the



HIBISCUS PUNCH

Makes: 6 to 8 servings
Total time: 40 minutes, plus chilling
2 cups dried hibiscus (see note)
1 cinnamon stick (optional)
1 (2-inch) chunk of ginger, peeled and chopped (optional)
1 teaspoon allspice berries (optional)
½ cup agave syrup or granulated sugar, or to taste
Ice
Lime wedges, for serving
1. Bring 2 quarts water to a boil in a

medium stainless-steel pot.
2. Add hibiscus flowers, and cinnamon, ginger and allspice berries, if using. Turn off heat and steep for at least 30 minutes.
3. Strain mixture into a pitcher or bowl and cool to room temperature. Sweeten to taste. Serve chilled over ice, with lime wedges.
Note: You can use whole hibiscus flowers or pieces, but if using pieces, steep for less time, tasting as you go, until it is your desired strength. If you wish, you can also dilute the drink with water to taste.



PECAN SHORTBREAD

Makes: 8 to 10 servings
Total time: 1 hour, plus cooling
1½ cups salted butter, cut into ½-inch cubes
¾ cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon ground cardamom
3½ cups all-purpose flour
1½ cups toasted, chopped pecans
Powdered sugar, for dusting
1. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Put butter, sugar, vanilla and cardamom in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix at medium speed until light and fluffy, about

5 minutes, scraping the bowl occasionally.
2. Carefully add flour and pecans, and mix a few minutes more, at low speed at first, then medium, until dough comes together. Remove dough and knead for 1 minute. Press dough into a 9-inch square cake pan. (Alternatively, press into a 9-inch fluted French tart pan with a removable bottom.)
3. Bake until golden brown, about 45 minutes. Let cool and cut into squares, bars or wedges with a serrated knife while still slightly warm. Store in a tin until needed. To serve, arrange on a plate and dust with powdered sugar.

Caribbean as sorrel, the drink is made by simmering and steeping dried hibiscus blossoms with spices. The resultant ruby liquid, lightly sweetened, has a pleasant

tannic quality and is deliciously thirst-quenching over ice. If you want your punch to live up to its name, add your spirit of choice. Read: rum. It's a picnic, after all.

MARINATED MOZZARELLA, OLIVES AND CHERRY TOMATOES

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 20 minutes
1 pound cherry or grape tomatoes, a mixture of colors, halved
Salt and black pepper
¾ cup olives, such as Moroccan or niçoise
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 garlic clove, smashed to a paste
Pinch of dried oregano
Pinch of red pepper flakes
1 pound fresh mozzarella, cut into

¼-inch slices
Basil leaves, for garnish
1. Put cherry tomatoes in a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Add the olives and toss.
2. In a small bowl, stir together olive oil, vinegar, garlic, oregano and red pepper flakes. Pour mixture over tomatoes and olives. Toss well to coat and let sit for 10 minutes and up to an hour.
3. When ready to eat, arrange mozzarella in center of a large platter (or arrange on individual plates). Spoon tomato and olive mixture over mozzarella. Garnish with lots of basil leaves.

SARDINES ON BUTTERED BROWN BREAD

Makes: 2 to 4 servings
Total time: 20 minutes
4 small slices dark, dense European-style rye bread
½ cup unsalted butter, softened
1 (4.5-ounce) tin oil-packed sardines
Salt and black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped dill
2 tablespoons thinly sliced scallions or chives
Arugula, for serving
Cornichons or other pickles, for

serving
Lemon wedges, for serving
1. Lightly toast the bread, then cool to room temperature. Spread each toast generously with butter.
2. Distribute the sardines among the toasts. (Cut large sardines in half lengthwise; leave small sardines whole.)
3. Sprinkle each toast lightly with salt and grind pepper directly over the sandwiches. Garnish with chopped dill and slivered scallions.
4. Serve sandwiches open-faced, with arugula, cornichons and a lemon wedge.

CUCUMBER-RICOTTA SANDWICHES

Makes: 2 to 4 servings
Total time: 10 minutes
6 thinly sliced Persian cucumbers (about 2 ½ cups)
Salt and black pepper
1 serrano chile, very thinly sliced (or minced, with seeds, if preferred)
12 large basil leaves, torn
2 tablespoons lime juice (from 1 large lime)
1 tablespoon chopped dill
2 teaspoons chopped tarragon
2 teaspoons chopped mint leaves
1 teaspoon thinly sliced chives

1 to 2 cups soft, rich ricotta, drained
2 ciabatta rolls, split lengthwise, lightly toasted (or a baguette split lengthwise)
Cilantro sprigs, for garnish
Calendula or other edible flower, for garnish (optional)
1. Put cucumbers in a bowl and season with salt and pepper, then toss. Add chile, basil, lime juice, dill, tarragon, mint and chives. Toss well.
2. Spread ricotta generously over each toast. Spoon cucumber mixture over ricotta on toast. Garnish with cilantro sprigs and calendula petals, if using.

WHITE BEAN SALAD WITH ROASTED CAULIFLOWER

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 1 hour
For the salad:
1 small head cauliflower, cut into ½-inch slices
Extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and black pepper
4 cups cooked white beans or 2 (15-ounce) cans, drained
1 cup thinly sliced celery heart (the tender inner stalks and leaves)
3 tablespoons chopped parsley
3 tablespoons slivered scallions
For the dressing:
1 large shallot, diced small
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon lemon zest
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, plus more to taste
½ teaspoon ground fennel (optional)

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more to taste
Salt and black pepper
1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Put cauliflower on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Roast on the top rack until nicely browned, 20 to 25 minutes. Set aside to cool.
2. Make the dressing: Put shallot in a small bowl with mustard, lemon juice, lemon zest, vinegar and ground fennel, if using. Stir well to combine, then whisk in olive oil. Season to taste.
3. Make the salad: Put beans in a large salad bowl. Add celery and cauliflower, pour the dressing over and toss well, taking care not to crush beans. Let salad rest for 30 minutes or so to meld flavors. Taste and adjust for salt, acid and oil. Add parsley and scallions, toss once more, then serve at room temperature.